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EuP-Standby and Off Mode Power Consumption Statement:

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- Standby Mode < 2W
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You are cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Re orient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the service representative or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause interference.

And

2. This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

FCC RF Radiation Exposure Statement:

1. This Transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.
2. This equipment complies with FCC RF radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with a minimum distance of 20 centimeters between the radiator and your body.



Warning

Use only shielded cables to connect I/O devices to this equipment. You are cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer for compliance with the above standards could void your authority to operate the equipment.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Follow basic safety precautions, including those listed below, to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury to persons when using any electrical equipment:

1. Do not use this product near water, for example near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink or laundry tub, in a wet basement or near a swimming pool.
2. Avoid using this equipment with a telephone line (other than a cordless type) during an electrical storm. There may be a remote risk of electrical shock from lightning.
3. Do not use the telephone to report a gas leak in the vicinity of the leak.
4. Use only the power cord and batteries indicated in this manual. Do not dispose of batteries in a fire. They may explode. Check with local codes for possible special disposal instructions.
5. This product is intended to be supplied by a Listed Power Unit:
 - **Models A & B** - Full Range AC/DC Adapter - AC Input 100 - 240V, 50 - 60Hz, DC Output 19V, 9.5A; 19.5V, 9.2A & 19V, 9.47A (**180W**) minimum.
 - **Model C** - Full Range AC/DC Adapter - AC Input 100 - 240V, 50 - 60Hz, DC Output 19.5V, 6.15A (**120W**) minimum.
 - **Models D & E** - Full Range AC/DC Adapter - AC Input 100 - 240V, 50 - 60Hz, DC Output 19.5V, 11.8A (**230W**) minimum.

This Computer's Optical Device is a Laser Class 1 Product

Instructions for Care and Operation

The notebook computer is quite rugged, but it can be damaged. To prevent this, follow these suggestions:

1. **Don't drop it, or expose it to shock.** If the computer falls, the case and the components could be damaged.

<i>Do not expose the computer to any shock or vibration.</i>	<i>Do not place it on an unstable surface.</i>	<i>Do not place anything heavy on the computer.</i>
		

2. **Keep it dry, and don't overheat it.** Keep the computer and power supply away from any kind of heating element. This is an electrical appliance. If water or any other liquid gets into it, the computer could be badly damaged.

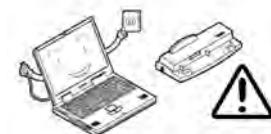
<i>Do not expose it to excessive heat or direct sunlight.</i>	<i>Do not leave it in a place where foreign matter or moisture may affect the system.</i>	<i>Don't use or store the computer in a humid environment.</i>	<i>Do not place the computer on any surface that will block the Vents/Fan Intakes.</i>
			

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- Avoid interference.** Keep the computer away from high capacity transformers, electric motors, and other strong magnetic fields. These can hinder proper performance and damage your data.
- Follow the proper working procedures for the computer.** Shut the computer down properly and don't forget to save your work. Remember to periodically save your data as data may be lost if the battery is depleted.

<p><i>Do not turn off the power until you properly shut down all programs.</i></p> 	<p><i>Do not turn off any peripheral devices when the computer is on.</i></p> 	<p><i>Do not disassemble the computer by yourself.</i></p> 	<p><i>Perform routine maintenance on your computer.</i></p> 
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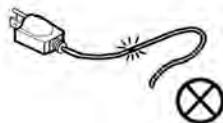
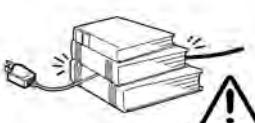
- Take care when using peripheral devices.**

<p><i>Use only approved brands of peripherals.</i></p> 	<p><i>Unplug the power cord before attaching peripheral devices.</i></p> 
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Power Safety

The computer has specific power requirements:

- Only use a power adapter approved for use with this computer.
- Your AC/DC adapter may be designed for international travel but it still requires a steady, uninterrupted power supply. If you are unsure of your local power specifications, consult your service representative or local power company.
- The power adapter may have either a 2-prong or a 3-prong grounded plug. The third prong is an important safety feature; do not defeat its purpose. If you do not have access to a compatible outlet, have a qualified electrician install one.
- When you want to unplug the power cord, be sure to disconnect it by the plug head, not by its wire.
- Make sure the socket and any extension cord(s) you use can support the total current load of all the connected devices.
- Before cleaning the computer, make sure it is disconnected from any external power supplies (i.e. AC/DC adapter or car adapter).

<p><i>Do not plug in the power cord if you are wet.</i></p> 	<p><i>Do not use the power cord if it is broken.</i></p> 	<p><i>Do not place heavy objects on the power cord.</i></p> 
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Power Safety Warning

Before you undertake any upgrade procedures, make sure that you have turned off the power, and disconnected all peripherals and cables (including telephone lines and power cord).

You must also remove your battery in order to prevent accidentally turning the machine on. **Before removing the battery disconnect the AC/DC adapter from the computer.**

Polymer Battery Precautions

Note the following information which is specific to polymer batteries only, and where applicable, this overrides the general battery precaution information overleaf.

- Polymer batteries may experience a slight expansion or swelling, however this is part of the battery's safety mechanism and is not a cause for concern.
- Use proper handling procedures when using polymer batteries. Do not use polymer batteries in high ambient temperature environments, and do not store unused batteries for extended periods.

See also the general battery precautionary information overleaf for further information.

General Battery Precautions

- Only use batteries designed for this computer. The wrong battery type may explode, leak or damage the computer.
- Do not remove any batteries from the computer while it is powered on.
- Do not continue to use a battery that has been dropped, or that appears damaged (e.g. bent or twisted) in any way. Even if the computer continues to work with a damaged battery in place, it may cause circuit damage, which may possibly result in fire.
- If you do not use the battery for an extended period, then remove the battery from the computer for storage.
- Recharge the batteries using the notebook's system. Incorrect recharging may make the battery explode.
- Do not try to repair a battery pack. Refer any battery pack repair or replacement to your service representative or qualified service personnel.
- Keep children away from, and promptly dispose of a damaged battery. Always dispose of batteries carefully. Batteries may explode or leak if exposed to fire, or improperly handled or discarded.
- Keep the battery away from metal appliances.
- Affix tape to the battery contacts before disposing of the battery.
- Do not touch the battery contacts with your hands or metal objects.



Battery Disposal & Caution

The product that you have purchased contains a rechargeable battery. The battery is recyclable. At the end of its useful life, under various state and local laws, it may be illegal to dispose of this battery into the municipal waste stream. Check with your local solid waste officials for details in your area for recycling options or proper disposal.

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used battery according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Cleaning

Do not apply cleaner directly to the computer; use a soft clean cloth.

Do not use volatile (petroleum distillates) or abrasive cleaners on any part of the computer.

Servicing

Do not attempt to service the computer yourself. Doing so may violate your warranty and expose you and the computer to electric shock. Refer all servicing to authorized service personnel. Unplug the computer from the power supply. Then refer servicing to qualified service personnel under any of the following conditions:

- When the power cord or AC/DC adapter is damaged or frayed.
- If the computer has been exposed to rain or other liquids.
- If the computer does not work normally when you follow the operating instructions.
- If the computer has been dropped or damaged (do not touch the poisonous liquid if the LCD panel breaks).
- If there is an unusual odor, heat or smoke coming from your computer.



Removal Warning

When removing any cover(s) and screw(s) for the purposes of device upgrade, remember to replace the cover(s) and screw(s) before restoring power to the system.

Also note the following when the cover is removed:

- Hazardous moving parts.
- Keep away from moving fan blades.

Travel Considerations

Packing

As you get ready for your trip, run through this list to make sure the system is ready to go:

1. Check that the battery pack and any spares are fully charged.
2. Power off the computer and peripherals.
3. Close the display panel and make sure it's latched.
4. Disconnect the AC/DC adapter and cables. Stow them in the carrying bag.
5. The AC/DC adapter uses voltages from 100 to 240 volts so you won't need a second voltage adapter. However, check with your travel agent to see if you need any socket adapters.
6. Put the notebook in its carrying bag and secure it with the bag's straps.
7. If you're taking any peripherals (e.g. a printer, mouse or digital camera), pack them and those devices' adapters and/or cables.
8. Anticipate customs - Some jurisdictions may have import restrictions or require proof of ownership for both hardware and software. Make sure your "papers" are handy.



Power Off Before Traveling

Make sure that your notebook is completely powered off before putting it into a travel bag (or any such container). Putting a notebook which is powered on in a travel bag may cause the Vents/Fan Intakes to be blocked. To prevent your computer from overheating make sure nothing blocks the Vent/Fan Intakes while the computer is in use.

On the Road

In addition to the general safety and maintenance suggestions in this preface, and Chapter 8: Troubleshooting, keep these points in mind:

Hand-carry the notebook - For security, don't let it out of your sight. In some areas, computer theft is very common. Don't check it with "normal" luggage. Baggage handlers may not be sufficiently careful. Avoid knocking the computer against hard objects.

Beware of Electromagnetic fields - Devices such as metal detectors & X-ray machines can damage the computer, hard disk, floppy disks, and other media. They may also destroy any stored data - Pass your computer and disks around the devices. Ask security officials to hand-inspect them (you may be asked to turn it on). **Note:** Some airports also scan luggage with these devices.

Fly safely - Most airlines have regulations about the use of computers and other electronic devices in flight. These restrictions are for your safety, follow them. If you stow the notebook in an overhead compartment, make sure it's secure. Contents may shift and/or fall out when the compartment is opened.

Get power where you can - If an electrical outlet is available, use the AC/DC adapter and keep your battery(ies) charged.

Keep it dry - If you move quickly from a cold to a warm location, water vapor can condense inside the computer. Wait a few minutes before turning it on so that any moisture can evaporate.

Developing Good Work Habits

Developing good work habits is important if you need to work in front of the computer for long periods of time. Improper work habits can result in discomfort or serious injury from repetitive strain to your hands, wrists or other joints. The following are some tips to reduce the strain:

- Adjust the height of the chair and/or desk so that the keyboard is at or slightly below the level of your elbow. Keep your forearms, wrists, and hands in a relaxed position.
- Your knees should be slightly higher than your hips. Place your feet flat on the floor or on a footrest if necessary.
- Use a chair with a back and adjust it to support your lower back comfortably.
- Sit straight so that your knees, hips and elbows form approximately 90-degree angles when you are working.
- Take periodic breaks if you are using the computer for long periods of time.



Remember to:

- Alter your posture frequently.
- Stretch and exercise your body several times a day.
- Take periodic breaks when you work at the computer for long periods of time. Frequent and short breaks are better than fewer and longer breaks.



Lighting

Proper lighting and a comfortable viewing angle can reduce eye strain and shoulder and neck muscle fatigue.

- Position the display to avoid glare or reflections from overhead lighting or outside sources of light.
- Keep the display screen clean and set the brightness and contrast to levels that allow you to see the screen clearly.
- Position the display directly in front of you at a comfortable viewing distance.
- Adjust the display-viewing angle to find the best position.

LCD Screen Care

To prevent **image persistence** on LCD monitors (caused by the continuous display of graphics on the screen for an extended period of time) take the following precautions:

- Set the **Windows Power Plans** to turn the screen off after a few minutes of screen idle time.
- Use a rotating, moving or blank screen saver (this prevents an image from being displayed too long).
- Rotate desktop background images every few days.
- Turn the monitor off when the system is not in use.

LCD Electro-Plated Logos

Note that in computers featuring a raised LCD electro-plated logo, the logo is covered by a protective adhesive. Due to general wear and tear, this adhesive may deteriorate over time and the exposed logo may develop sharp edges. Be careful when handling the computer in this case, and avoid touching the raised LCD electro-plated logo. Avoid placing any other items in the carrying bag which may rub against the top of the computer during transport. If any such wear and tear develops contact your distributor/supplier.

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Chapter 1: Quick Start Guide

Overview

This Quick Start Guide is a brief introduction to the basic features of your computer, to navigating around the computer and to getting your system started. The remainder of the manual covers the following:

- **Chapter 2** A guide to using some of the main features of the computer e.g. the **storage devices (hard disk, optical device, card reader)**, **TouchPad & Mouse & Audio Features**.
- **Chapter 3** The computer's **power** management options.
- **Chapter 4** The installation of the **drivers** and utilities essential to the operation or improvement of some of the computer's subsystems.
- **Chapter 5** An outline of the computer's built-in software or **BIOS** (Basic Input Output System).
- **Chapter 6** Instructions for **upgrading** your computer.
- **Chapter 7** A quick guide to the computer's **PC Camera, Wireless LAN, Fingerprint, Bluetooth & WLAN Combo, Sound Blaster Audio** and **Intel** modules (some of which may be **optional** depending on your purchase configuration).
- **Chapter 8** A **troubleshooting** guide.
- **Appendix A** Definitions of the **interface, ports/jacks** which allow your computer to communicate with external devices.
- **Appendix B** Information on the **Control Center**.
- **Appendix C** Information on the Video driver controls.
- **Appendix D** The computer's **specification**.

Advanced Users

If you are an advanced user you may skip over most of this Quick Start Guide. However you may find it useful to refer to “[Drivers & Utilities](#)” on page 4 - 1, “[BIOS Utilities](#)” on page 5 - 1 and “[Upgrading The Computer](#)” on page 6 - 1 in the User’s Manual. You may also find the notes marked with a  of interest to you.



Notes

Check the light colored boxes with the mark above to find detailed information about the computer’s features.

Beginners and Not-So-Advanced Users

If you are new to computers (or do not have an advanced knowledge of them) then the information contained in this Quick Start Guide should be enough to get you up and running. Eventually you should try to look through all the documentation (more detailed descriptions of the functions, setup and system controls are covered in the remainder of the User’s Manual), but do not worry if you do not understand everything the first time. Keep this manual nearby and refer to it to learn as you go. You may find it useful to refer to the notes marked with a  as indicated in the margin. For a more detailed description of any of the interface ports and jacks see “[Interface Ports & Jacks](#)” on page A - 1.

Warning Boxes

No matter what your level please pay careful attention to the warning and safety information indicated by the  symbol. Also please note the safety and handling instructions as indicated in the *Preface*.

Not Included

Operating Systems (e.g. *Windows 8*) and applications (e.g. word processing, spreadsheet and database programs) have their own manuals, so please consult the appropriate manuals.



Drivers

If you are installing new system software, or are re-configuring your computer for a different system, you will need to install the appropriate drivers. Drivers are programs which act as an interface between the computer and a hardware component e.g. a wireless network module. It is very important that you install the drivers in the order listed in [**Table 4 - 1, on page 4 - 3**](#). You will be unable to use most advanced controls until the necessary drivers and utilities are properly installed. If your system hasn't been properly configured (your service representative may have already done that for you), refer to "[**Drivers & Utilities" on page 4 - 1**](#) for installation instructions.

Ports and Jacks

See "[**Ports and Jacks" on page A - 2**](#) for a description of the interface (ports & jacks) which allow your computer to communicate with external devices, connect to the internet etc.

System Software

Your computer may already come with system software pre-installed. Where this is not the case, or where you are re-configuring your computer for a different system, you will find the **Windows 8** operating system is supported.

Note: In order to run **Windows 8** without limitations or decreased performance, your computer requires a minimum **1GB** of system memory (RAM).



Windows 8 OS

In order to run **Windows 8 (32 Bit)** without limitations or decreased performance, your computer requires a minimum **1GB** of system memory (RAM), however if you are running **Windows 8 (64 bit)** your computer requires a minimum **2GB** of system memory (RAM).

Model Differences

This notebook series includes **five** different model types that mainly differ as indicated in the table below. Note that your model may appear slightly different from those pictured in this manual.

Feature	Model A	Model B	Model C	Model D	Model E		
CPUs Supported	See " Processor " on page D - 2 for more details						
Display Type Supported	15.6" (39.62cm) FHD (1920 * 1080) 16:9 Backlit Panel			17.3" (43.94cm) FHD (1920 * 1080) 16:9 Backlit Panel			
Video Adapters Supported	See " Video Adapter Options " on page D - 2 for more details						
Keyboard LED	Keyboard LED Supported		Not Supported	Keyboard LED Supported			
Illuminated Touchpad	Not Supported	Illuminated Touchpad Supported	Not Supported	Not Supported	Illuminated Touchpad Supported		
Power Supply	AC/DC Adapter – (180 Watts)		AC/DC Adapter – (120 Watts)	AC/DC Adapter – (230 Watts)			
See " Power " on page D - 5 for more details							
Dimensions & Weight	See " Physical Dimensions & Weight " on page D - 5 for more details						

Table 1 - 1 - Model Differences

System Startup

1. Remove all packing materials, and place the computer on a stable surface.
2. Securely attach any peripherals you want to use with the notebook (e.g. keyboard and mouse) to their ports.
3. Attach the AC/DC adapter to the DC-In jack at the rear of the computer, then plug the AC power cord into an outlet, and connect the AC power cord to the AC/DC adapter.
4. Use one hand to raise the lid/LCD to a comfortable viewing angle (it is preferable not to exceed 135 degrees); use the other hand (as illustrated in **Figure 1 - 1** below) to support the base of the computer (**Note: Never** lift the computer by the lid/LCD).
5. Raise the lid/LCD to a comfortable viewing angle, and press the power button on the top left of the computer **for about 2 - 3 seconds** to turn the computer “**on**” (note that the **power LED** on the front of the computer **will turn from orange to green** when the computer powers on).

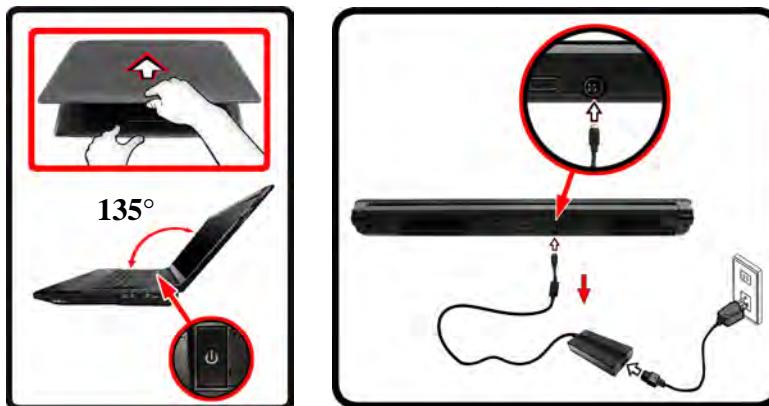


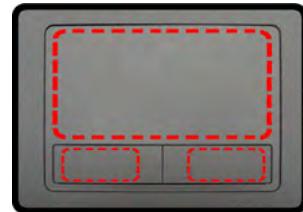
Figure 1 - 1 - Computer with AC/DC Adapter Plugged-In/Opening the Lid/LCD



Shutdown

Note that you should always shut your computer down by choosing the **Shut Down** command from the **Power** item in **Settings** in the **Charms Bar** (use the **Windows Logo Key + C** key combination to access the **Charms Bar**) in **Windows 8**. This will help prevent hard disk or system problems.

LCD Panel Open - Models A & C



Note that the Touchpad and Buttons has a valid operational area indicated within the red dotted lines above.

Figure 1 - 2
LCD Panel Open
Models A & C

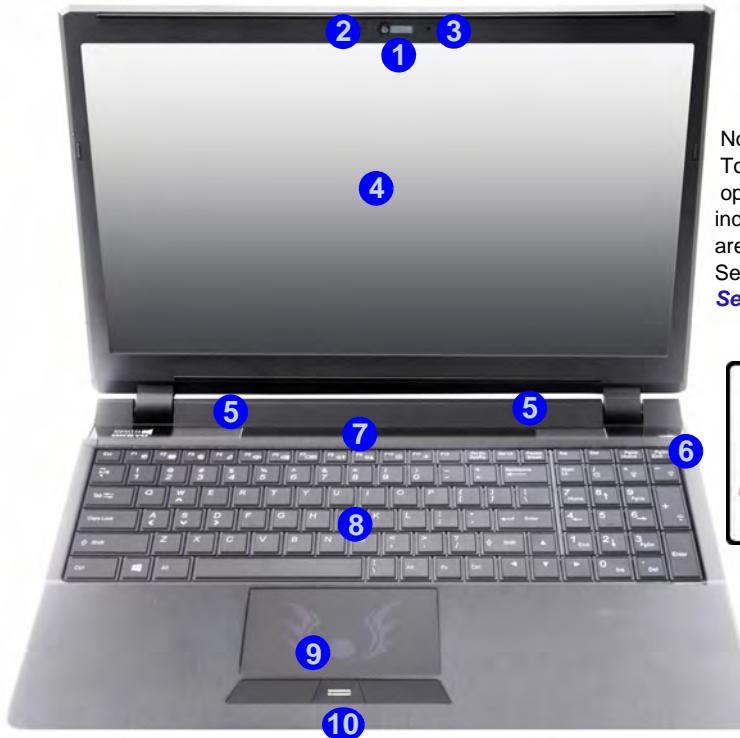
1. Built-In PC Camera
2. PC Camera LED
3. Built-In Microphone
4. LCD
5. Speakers
6. Power Button
7. LED Lock Indicators
8. LED Status Indicators
9. Keyboard (**Model A**)
10. TouchPad and Buttons
11. Fingerprint Reader (**Optional**)

Note that the keyboard for **Models A & C** are different, and only **Model A** is pictured (see [Table 1 - 1, on page 1 - 5](#)).

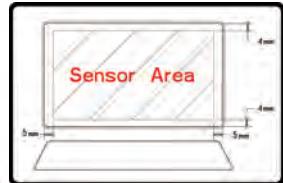
Figure 1 - 3
LCD Panel Open - Model B

1. Built-In PC Camera
2. PC Camera LED
3. Built-In Microphone
4. LCD
5. Speakers
6. Power Button
7. LED Indicators
8. Illuminated Keyboard
9. Illuminated TouchPad and Buttons
10. Fingerprint Reader (Optional)

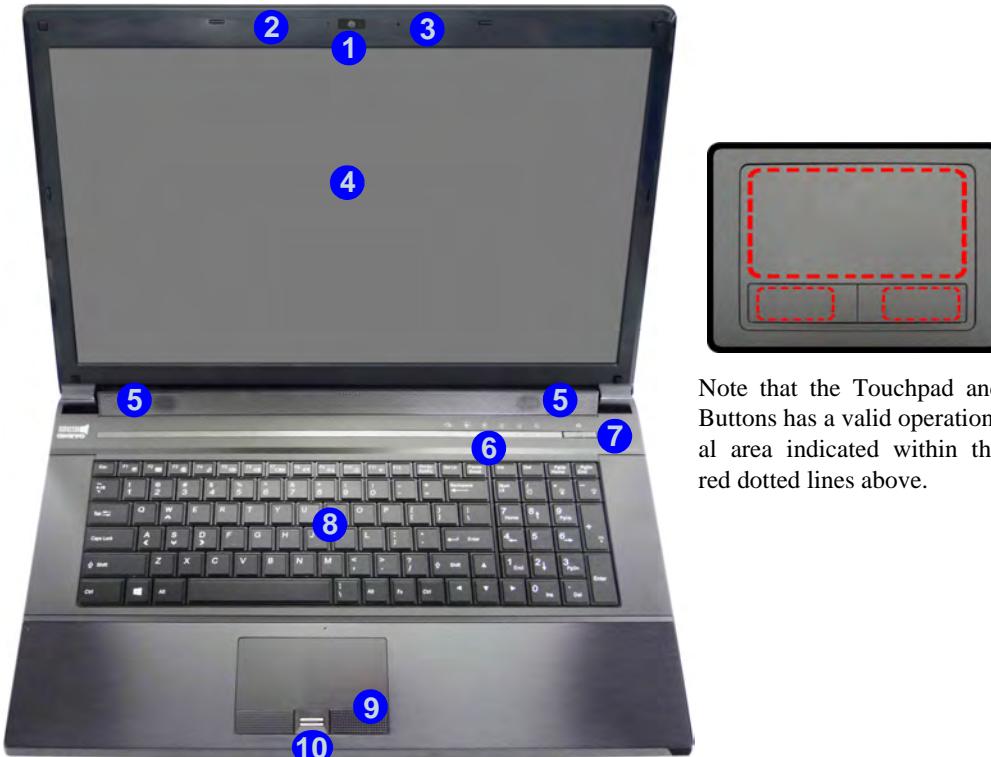
LCD Panel Open - Model B



Note that the Illuminated Touchpad has a defined valid operational area of sensitivity indicated within the sensor area of the illustration below. See ["Illuminated Touchpad Sensitivity" on page 2 - 12.](#)



LCD Panel Open - Model D



Note that the Touchpad and Buttons has a valid operational area indicated within the red dotted lines above.

Figure 1 - 4
LCD Panel Open
Model D

1. Built-In PC Camera
2. PC Camera LED
3. Built-In Microphone
4. LCD
5. Speakers
6. LED Indicators
7. Power Button
8. Illuminated Keyboard
9. TouchPad and Buttons
10. Fingerprint Reader (Optional)

Figure 1 - 5
LCD Panel Open - Model E

1. Built-In PC Camera
2. PC Camera LED
3. Built-In Microphone
4. LCD
5. Speakers
6. LED Indicators
7. Power Button
8. Illuminated Keyboard
9. TouchPad and Buttons
10. Fingerprint Reader
(Optional)

LCD Panel Open - Model E



Note that the Illuminated Touchpad has a defined valid operational area of sensitivity indicated within the sensor area of the illustration below. See [*"Illuminated Touchpad Sensitivity" on page 2 - 12.*](#)



LED Indicators

The LED indicators display helpful information about the current status of the computer.

Icon	Color	Description	Icon	Color	Description	
	Blue / White	Number Lock is Activated		Orange	The Battery is Charging	 <h3>Wireless Device Operation Aboard Aircraft</h3> <p>The use of any portable electronic transmission devices (e.g. WLAN or Bluetooth) aboard aircraft is usually prohibited. Make sure any wireless modules are OFF (i.e. the system is in Airplane Mode) if you are using the computer aboard aircraft.</p> <p>Use Fn + F11 Airplane Mode key combination to toggle Airplane Mode On/Off, and check the LED indicator for the power status.</p>
	Blue / White	Caps Lock is Activated		Blinking Orange	The Battery has Reached Critically Low Power Status	
	Blue / White	Scroll Lock is Activated		Green	The Battery is Fully Charged	
	Blue / White	Hard Disk Activity		Orange	AC/DC Power is Plugged In	
	Blue / White	Airplane Mode is ON (the WLAN & Bluetooth Modules are OFF)		Blinking Orange*	The Powered USB Port is On (see " USB 3.0 Ports & Powered USB 2.0 Port " on page 1 - 24)	
	Off	Integrated GPU (iGPU) Activated		Green	The Computer is On	
	Blue / White	Discrete GPU (dGPU) Activated		Blinking Green	The Computer is in Sleep Mode	

Table 1 - 2 - LED Indicators



Other Keyboards

If your keyboard is damaged or you just want to make a change, you can use any standard USB keyboard. The system will detect and enable it automatically. However special functions/hot-keys unique to the system's regular keyboard may not work.

Num Lk & Scr Lk

Hold down the **Fn Key** and **Scr Lk/Num Lk** to enable scroll lock/number lock, and check the LED indicator for status.

Illuminated LED Keyboard - Models A, B, D & E

The illuminated keyboard has an embedded numerical keypad for easy numeric data input, and features function keys to allow you to change operational features instantly. See *Table 1 - 6, on page 1 - 18* for full function key combination details.



Figure 1 - 6 - Illuminated LED Keyboard - Models A, B, D & E

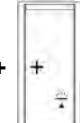


Special Characters

Some software applications allow the number-keys to be used with **Alt** to produce special characters. These special characters can only be produced by using the numeric keypad. Regular number keys (in the upper row of the keyboard) will not work. Make sure that **NumLk** is on.

Keyboard LED - Models A, B, D & E

Press **Fn** plus the  **2** key to toggle the keyboard LED on/off. The keyboard LED may be configured using the **Fn + key combination** outlined in the table below. In addition press **Fn** plus the  **1** key to launch the keyboard backlight application to configure the settings (see overleaf).

Keyboard LED Function key Combinations	
Fn + 	1 Launch the Keyboard Backlight Application
Fn + 	2 Toggle the Keyboard Backlight On/Off
Fn + 	3 Keyboard LED Illumination Decrease (for Custom Mode only - see <i>Table 1 - 4, on page 1 - 15</i>)
Fn + 	4 Keyboard LED Illumination Increase (for Custom Mode only - see <i>Table 1 - 4, on page 1 - 15</i>)

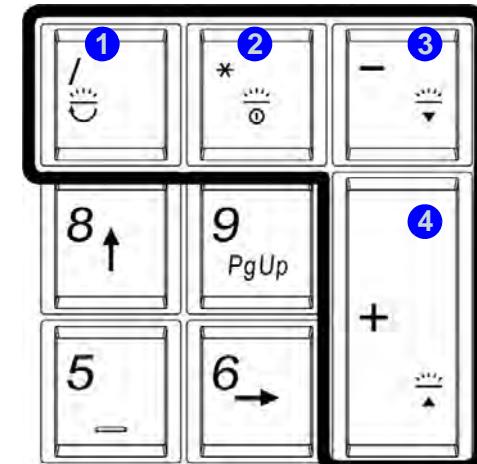


Table 1 - 3 - Keyboard LEDs - Models A, B, D & E

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Keyboard Backlight Application (Models A, B, D & E)

The **Keyboard Backlight application** can be accessed by pressing the **Fn** plus  key. Click the **Help** button  in the application to display the configuration keys.

- Click the **Custom** button  to display the three sections of the keyboard which may be configured.
- Click a section of the keyboard and the color buttons will be displayed.
- Click a **color swatch** to apply the color to the selected section when not overridden by any effect applied.
- Click on any of the effect buttons to apply random colors, wave or flashing effects etc (see over).



Figure 1 - 7 - Keyboard Backlight Application

Effects Buttons & Help (Models A, B, D & E)

LED Effects Buttons			
	Random Color		Up/Down Wave
	Dancing Effect		Breathing (All Colors)
	Tempo Beat		Cycle (Colors as Selected in RGB)
	Flashing		Custom Mode - Display & Configure Keyboard Sections & Colors
			

Table 1 - 4 - LED Effects Buttons & Help



Other Keyboards

If your keyboard is damaged or you just want to make a change, you can use any standard USB keyboard. The system will detect and enable it automatically. However special functions/hot-keys unique to the system's regular keyboard may not work.

Num Lk & Scr Lk

Hold down the **Fn Key** and Scr Lk/Num Lk to enable scroll lock/number lock, and check the LED indicator for status.

Keyboard - Model C

The keyboard has an embedded numerical keypad for easy numeric data input, and features function keys to allow you to change operational features instantly. See [Table 1 - 6, on page 1 - 18](#) for full function key combination details.



Figure 1 - 8 - Keyboard - Model C



Special Characters

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Keyboard Shortcuts

The following Windows Logo Key (Winkey) keyboard shortcuts are useful for navigation/operation in **Windows 8**.

Windows Logo Key +	Description
Tap Winkey	Toggle between the Start screen and the foremost running app or the Windows Desktop
C	Display Charms menu
D	Switch to the Windows Desktop and toggle show Desktop
E	Switch to the Windows desktop and launch Windows Explorer with Computer displayed
F	Display file Search
I	Open the Settings charm
K	Open the Connect charm
L	Lock the computer and display the Lock screen
P	Display the Second Screen menu (see Figure 1 - 33 on page 1 - 44)
R	Switch to the Windows Desktop and display the Run dialog box
Z	Access the App Bar (see Figure 1 - 22 on page 1 - 33)

Table 1 - 5 - Keyboard Shortcuts

Windows Logo Keyboard Shortcut

Use the Windows logo key  + D key combination to switch between the Start screen and Windows Desktop.

Menu/Application Keyboard Shortcut

When the Desktop app is running you can use the Menu/Application key  on the keyboard to display the context menu as per a mouse right-click. In the Start screen this function is useful to quickly display the **All Apps** icon.

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Function Keys & Visual Indicators

The **function keys** (F1 - F12 etc.) will act as **hot keys** when pressed while the **Fn** key is held down. Visual indicators (see the table below) are available when the Hot Key driver is installed.

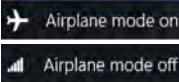
Keys	Function/Visual Indicators	Keys	Function/Visual Indicators
Fn + ~	Play/Pause (in Audio/Video Programs)	Fn + Esc	Control Center Toggle (see over)
Fn + F1	Touchpad Toggle 	Fn + F8/F9	Brightness Decrease/Increase
Fn + F2	Turn LCD Backlight Off (Press a key to or use Touchpad to turn on)	Fn + F10	PC Camera Power Toggle 
Fn + F3	Mute Toggle	Fn + F11	Airplane Mode Toggle 
Fn + F4	Sleep Toggle	Fn + Power Button	Powered USB 3.0 Port Power Toggle
Fn + F5/F6	Volume Decrease/Increase	Fn + 	Keyboard LED (Models A, B, D & E) Toggle (see page 1 - 15)
Fn + F7	Display Toggle		
See also Table 1 - 2, on page 1 - 11 for Number Lock , Caps Lock and Scroll Lock indicators			

Table 1 - 6 - Function Keys & Visual Indicators

Control Center

When in the **Windows Desktop application** (not in the **Start** screen) press the **Fn + Esc** key combination, or **double-click the icon** in the **notification area of the taskbar** to toggle the **Control Center** on/off. The **Control Center** gives quick access to frequently used controls and enables you to quickly turn the camera/Touch Pad on/off (see *Appendix B* for full details).

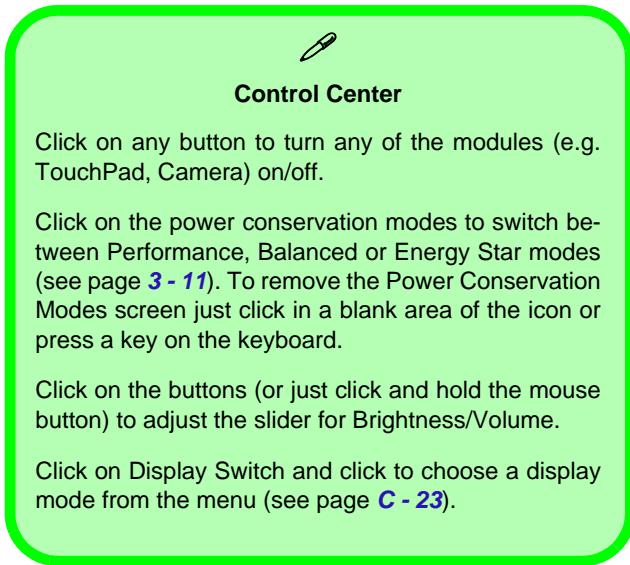


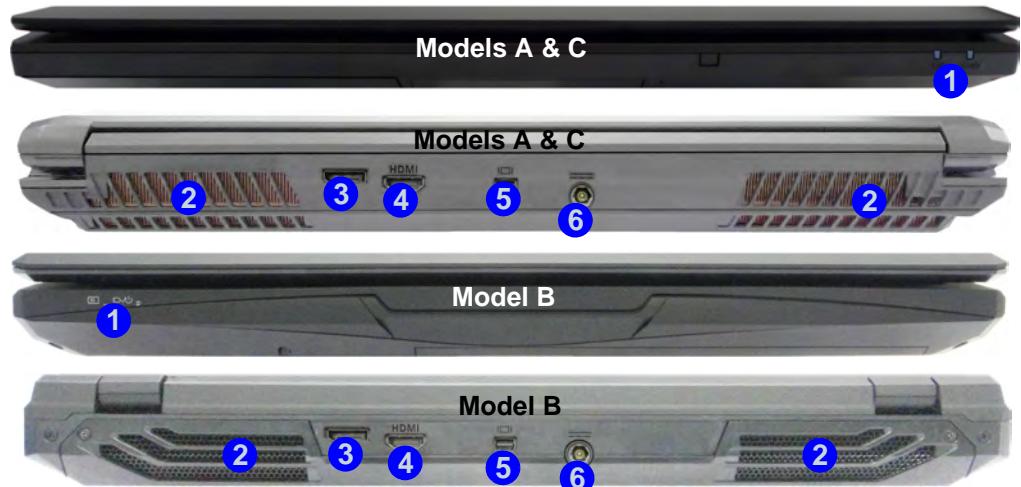
Figure 1 - 9 - Control Center

Figure 1 - 10

Front & Rear Views
Models A, B & C

1. LED Power Indicators
2. Vent/Fan Intake
3. Display Port
4. HDMI-Out Port
5. Mini Display Port
6. DC-In Jack

Front & Rear Views (Models A, B & C)



HDMI Port

Note that the HDMI Port supports video and audio signals to attached external displays (see [“HDMI Audio Configuration” on page C - 34](#)).

Note that **Sound Blaster X-Fi MB3** audio will be disabled when you are connecting to an external display through an HDMI connection.

Front & Rear Views (Models D & E)

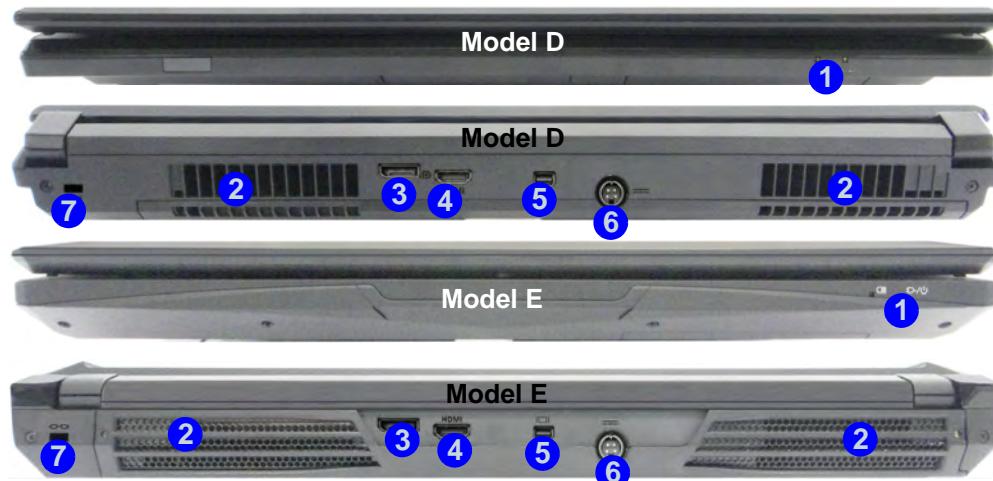


Figure 1 - 11
Front & Rear Views
Models D & E

1. LED Power Indicators
2. Vent/Fan Intake
3. Display Port
4. HDMI-Out Port
5. Mini Display Port
6. DC-In Jack
7. Security Lock Slot

HDMI Port

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Figure 1 - 12
Right View

1. Optical Device Drive Bay
2. Headphone Jack
3. Microphone Jack
4. S/PDIF-Out Jack
5. Line-In Jack
6. 1 * USB 2.0 Port
7. Security Lock Slot (Models A, B & C Only)



USB Ports

Note that the connections to the USB ports only fit one way, do not force them.

USB 3.0 ports are denoted by their blue color; USB 2.0 ports are colored black.

Right View

Models A & C



- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

Model B



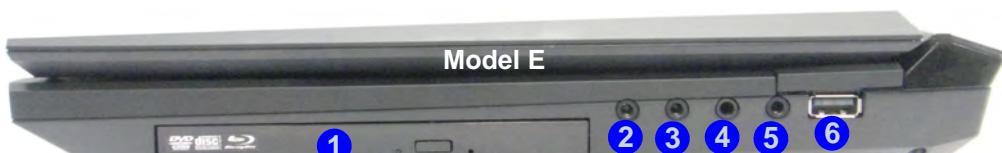
- 1
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Model D



- 1
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- 4
- 5
- 6

Model E



- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

Left View



Figure 1 - 13
Left View

1. Mini-IEEE 1394a Port
2. RJ-45 LAN Jack
3. 1 * Powered USB 3.0 Port
4. 1 * USB 3.0 Port
5. Combined eSATA/ USB 3.0 Port
6. Multi-in-1 Card Reader



Mini-IEEE 1394a Port

The Mini-IEEE 1394a port only supports SELF POWERED IEEE 1394 devices.



USB 3.0 Ports & Powered USB 2.0 Port

USB 3.0 ports are denoted by their blue color; USB 2.0 ports are colored black. Note that the USB 3.0 port is not operational under DOS and does not support wake on USB. The **powered USB 3.0** (3 in *Figure 1 - 13 on page 1 - 23*) port can supply power (**for charging devices only, not for operating devices**) when the system is off but still powered by the AC/DC adapter plugged into a working outlet, or powered by the battery with a capacity level above 20% (this may not work with certain devices - see page 8 - 12). Toggle power to this port by using **Fn + power button**.

Multi-in-1 Card Reader

The card reader allows you to use the most popular digital storage card formats:

MMC (MultiMedia Card) / RSMMC
SD (Secure Digital) / Mini SD / SDHC / SDXC
MS (Memory Stick) / MS Pro / MS Duo

Bottom View - Models A & C

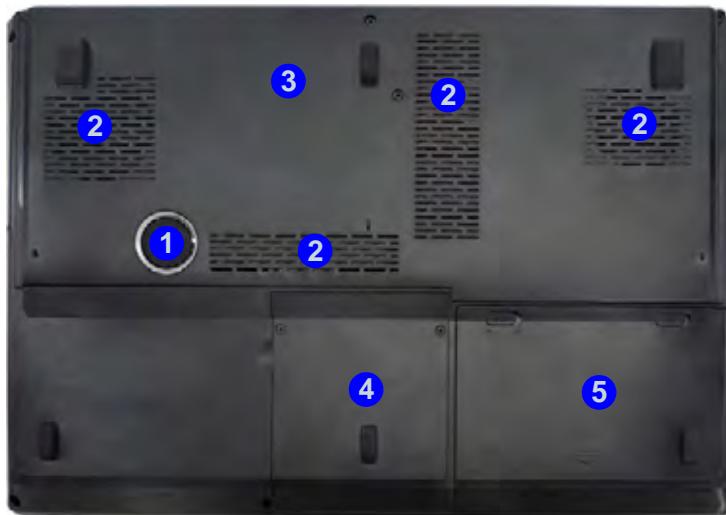


Figure 1 - 14
Bottom View

1. Sub Woofer
2. Fan Outlet/Intake
3. Component Bay Cover
4. HDD Bay
5. Battery

Battery Information

Always completely discharge, then fully charge, a new battery before using it. Completely discharge and charge the battery at least once every 30 days or after about 20 partial discharges. See ***“Battery Information” on page 3 - 13*** for full instructions.



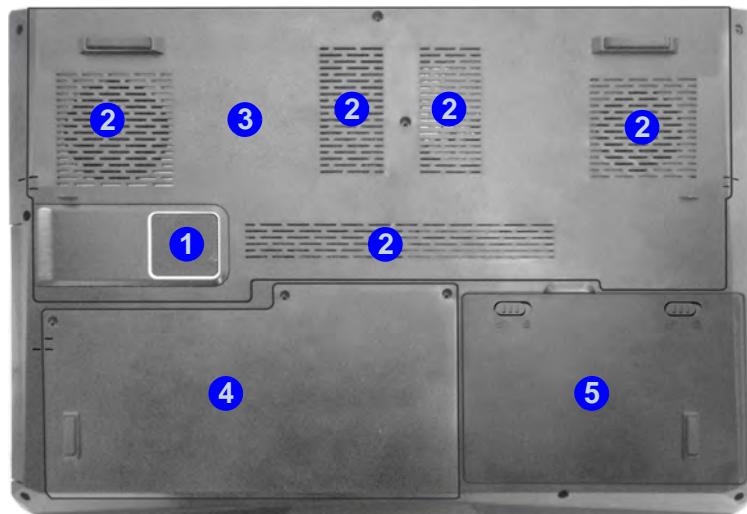
Overheating

To prevent your computer from overheating make sure nothing blocks the vent(s)/fan intake(s) while the computer is in use.

Figure 1 - 15
Bottom View

1. Sub Woofer
2. Fan Outlet/Intake
3. Component Bay Cover
4. HDD/ODD Bay
5. Battery

Bottom View - Model B



Overheating

To prevent your computer from overheating make sure nothing blocks the vent(s)/fan intake(s) while the computer is in use.



Battery Information

Always completely discharge, then fully charge, a new battery before using it. Completely discharge and charge the battery at least once every 30 days or after about 20 partial discharges. See ["Battery Information" on page 3 - 13](#) for full instructions.

Bottom View - Model D

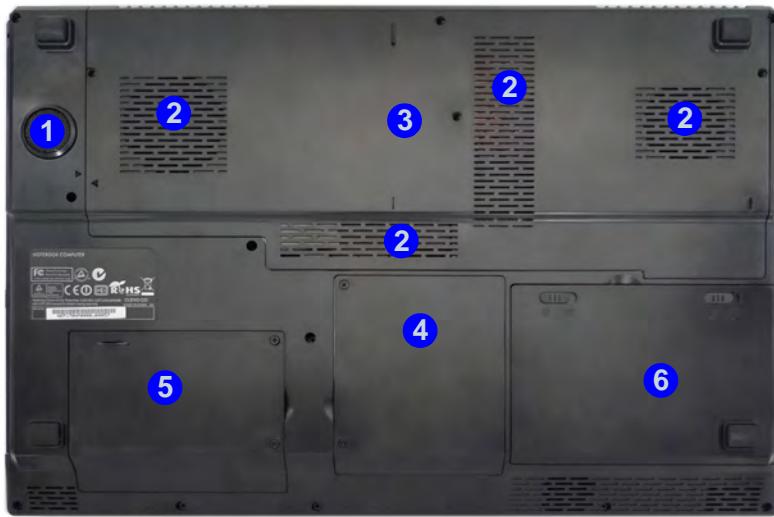


Figure 1 - 16
Bottom View

1. Sub Woofer
2. Fan Outlet/Intake
3. Component Bay Cover
4. Primary HDD Bay
5. Secondary HDD Bay
6. Battery

Battery Information

Always completely discharge, then fully charge, a new battery before using it. Completely discharge and charge the battery at least once every 30 days or after about 20 partial discharges. See ***"Battery Information" on page 3 - 13*** for full instructions.



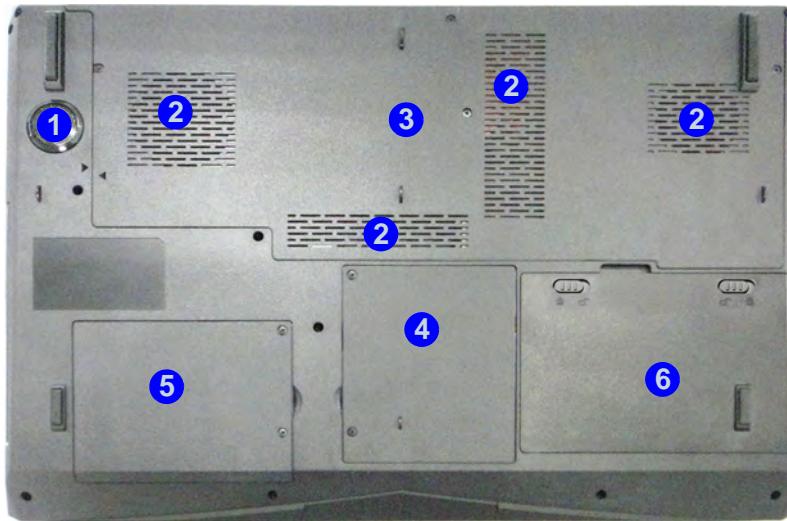
Overheating

To prevent your computer from overheating make sure nothing blocks the vent(s)/fan intake(s) while the computer is in use.

Figure 1 - 17
Bottom View

1. Sub Woofer
2. Fan Outlet/Intake
3. Component Bay Cover
4. Primary HDD Bay
5. Secondary HDD Bay
6. Battery

Bottom View - Model E



Overheating

To prevent your computer from overheating make sure nothing blocks the vent(s)/fan intake(s) while the computer is in use.



Battery Information

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Windows Control Panel

Throughout this manual you will see an instruction to open the **Control Panel**. In *Windows 8* right-click the lower left hot corner to bring up the context menu (or use the **Windows Logo Key**  + X key combination) and select **Control Panel**.

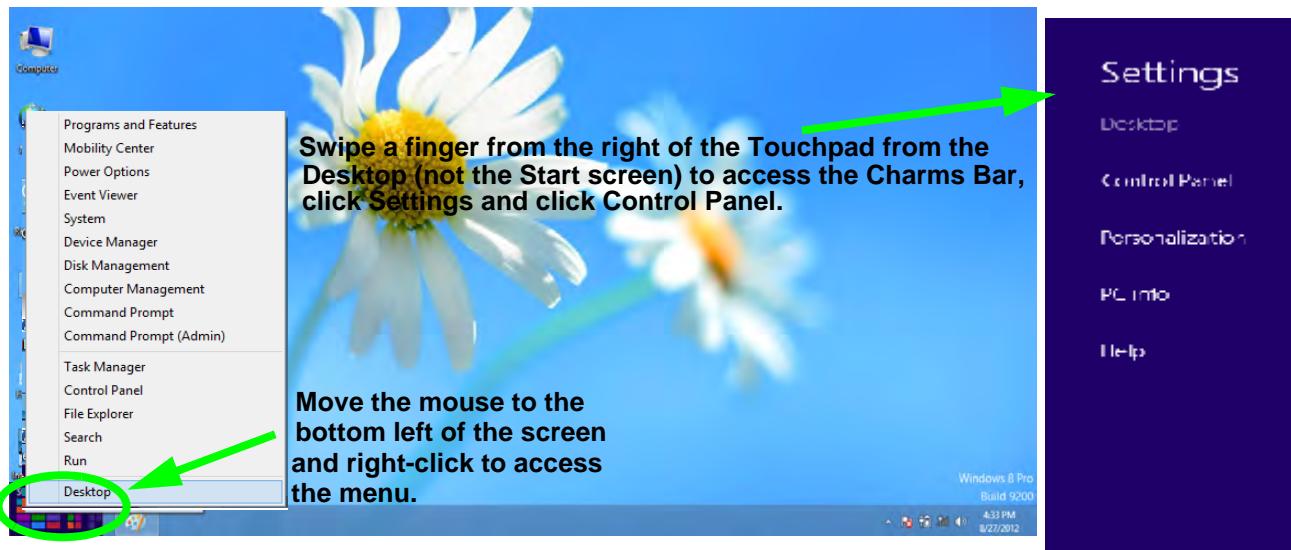


Figure 1 - 18 - Windows 8 Context Menu & Charms Bar Settings (from Desktop App)

Windows 8 Start Screen & Desktop

The Apps, control panels, utilities and programs within *Windows 8* are accessed from the **Start screen** and/or **Windows Desktop app**. The **Desktop** (which runs as an app within the **Start** screen) can be accessed by clicking the **Desktop** item in the Start screen (or by using the **Windows Logo Key**  + **D** key combination).



Figure 1 - 19 - Windows Start Screen

Apps & Tiles

The **Windows 8** Start screen will contain a number of apps, and many more will be installed as you add more applications etc. Not all of these apps can fit on one screen so you will often need use the **slider** at the bottom of the screen in order to view all the necessary Apps.

Accessing Pining/Unpinning All Apps

You can add and remove the tiles for apps and control panels in the Start screen. **Right-click on a blank area of the Start screen, and you will see the All Apps icon.** Click the **All Apps** icon to display all the installed applications etc. Right-click any icon to bring up the menu at the bottom of the screen and you can then click the appropriate icon to **pin the App** to (or unpin from) the **Start** screen, or to the **taskbar** in the **Desktop application**.



Figure 1 - 20 - All Apps

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Desktop Application

When the **Desktop** app is running (click the app in the Start screen or use the **Windows Logo Key**  + **D** key combination) you can use lower left hot corner to switch between the Start screen and the **Windows Desktop** app. To do so move your mouse to hover over the bottom left corner of the screen and click the pop-up.

When you move to the lower left hot corner in the Start screen itself it will take you back to your most recently used app.

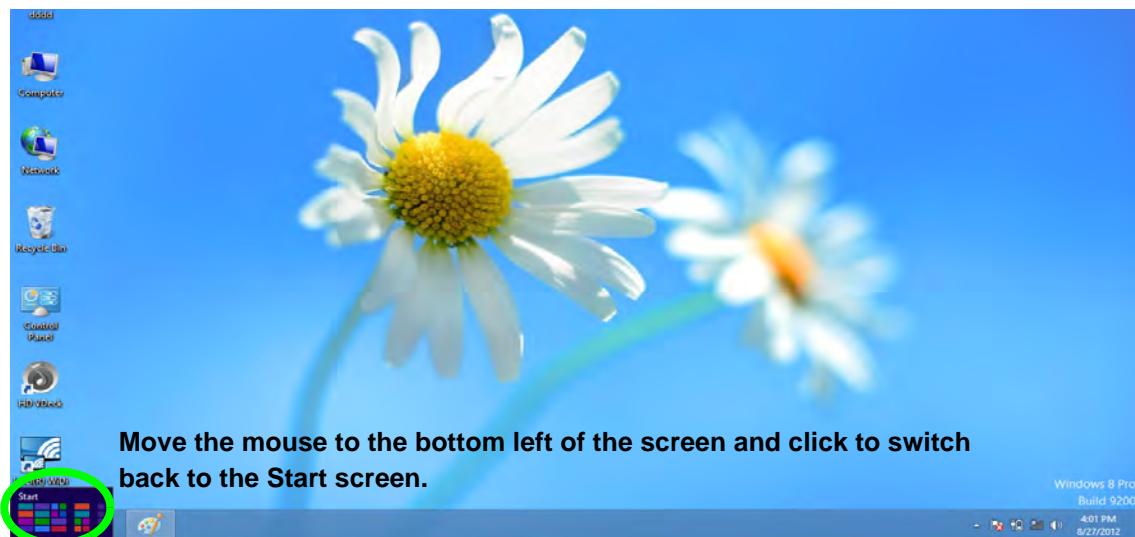


Figure 1 - 21 - Desktop

When the Desktop app is running you can right-click the lower left hot corner (or use the **Windows Logo Key**  + X key combination) to bring up an advanced context menu of useful features such as Control Panel, Programs and Features, Power Options, Task Manager, Search, Windows Explorer, Command Prompt, Device Manager and Network Connections etc.

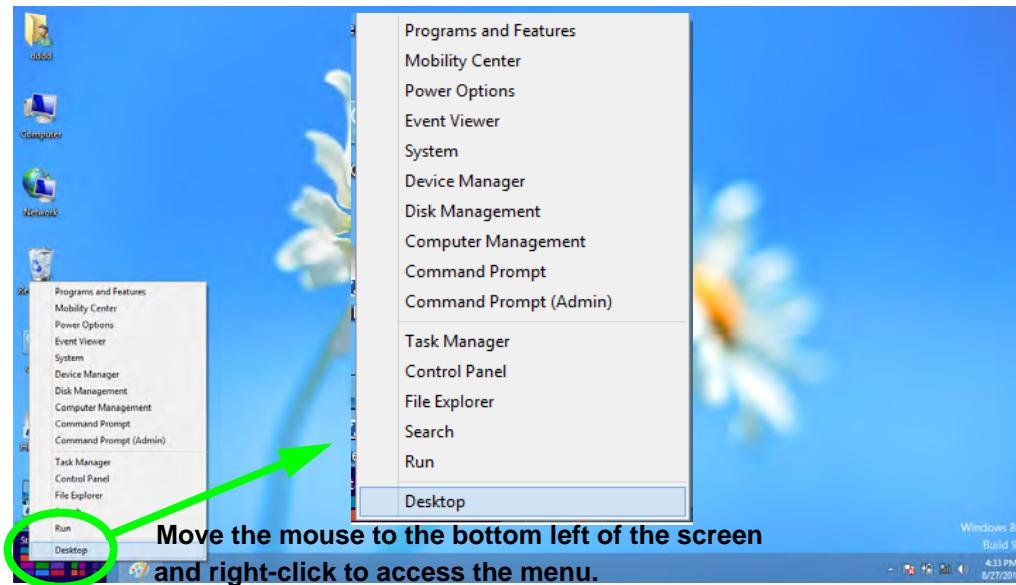


Figure 1 - 22 - Advanced Context Menu (Right-Click lower left hot corner)

Display Most Recently Used Apps

If you are in the **Start** screen, **Desktop** or an app you can move your mouse to the upper left corner of the screen to get back to the most recently used app.

To view all the most recently used Apps hover over the top left of the screen and then move the mouse down along the left side of the screen to display the list.

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Windows 8 Charms Bar

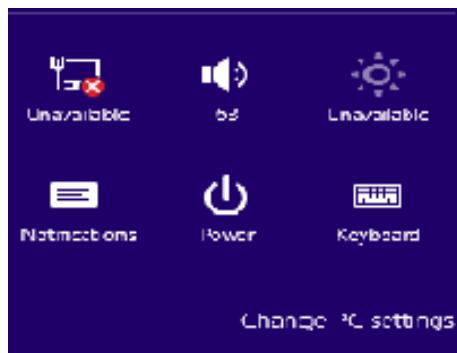
The right side of the screen displays the **Windows 8 Charms Bar**. The Charms Bar contains the **Search**, **Share**, **Start**, **Devices** and **Settings** menus. To access up the Charms Bar move the cursor to the upper or lower right corners of the screen, and then hover over one of the items in the Charms Bar to activate it (the bar will be black when it is active), or use the **Windows Logo Key**  + C key combination.



Figure 1 - 23 - Start Screen with Charms Bar

Charms Bar Items

- **Search** : You can search for any file, application, Apps and control panel settings with instantaneous results.
- **Share** : This button is used to share information with people via mail or social networks.
- **Start** : Click to bring up the Start Menu (the same function as pressing the Windows Logo Key or clicking the bottom left of the screen).
- **Devices** : Click this button to change connected peripheral device settings e.g. an external display.
- **Settings** : This button gives instant access to the computer settings, such as Network, Audio, Notifications, Power and Keyboard (click **Change PC Settings** to activate the PC Settings menu).



Charms Bar - TouchPad Access

To quick access the **Charms Bar** using the TouchPad:

1. Place your finger **off** the TouchPad (slightly to the right of the pad resting on the computer).
2. Move your finger across to the left on to the TouchPad.
3. The Charms Bar will then pop-up.

Figure 1 - 24 - Settings Menu

Windows 8 Control Panel

In many instances throughout this manual you will see an instruction to open the **Control Panel**. The Control Panel can be accessed in a number of ways in *Windows 8*.

- Click/ **Search** in the **Windows Charms Bar** (see previous page) and the search pane will pop out. Type *Control Panel* and select it from the results to the left.



Figure 1 - 25 - Search (Control Panel)

- Click on **Computer** (you may need to pin **Computer** to the Start screen) in the **Start** screen, click on **Computer** in the top menu and select **Open Control Panel** from the ribbon.

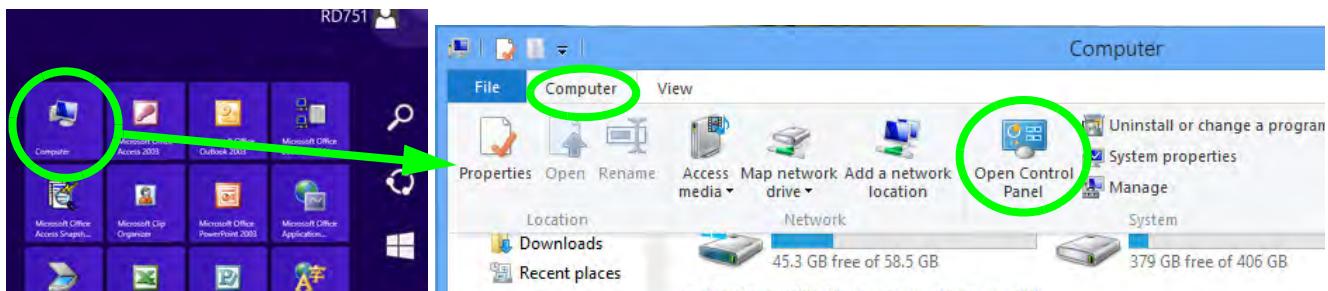


Figure 1 - 26 - Open Control Panel (Computer)

- When in the **Desktop** app (this does not apply to the Start screen) click on **Settings** in the **Windows Charms Bar** and select **Control Panel** from the menu.

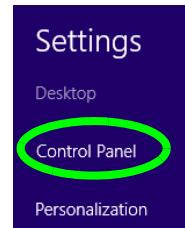


Figure 1 - 27 - Settings Charms Bar (Desktop App Only)

- Right-click on a blank area of the Start screen, or swipe a finger from the top or bottom of the touch screen. Click the **All Apps** icon and click **Control Panel**.

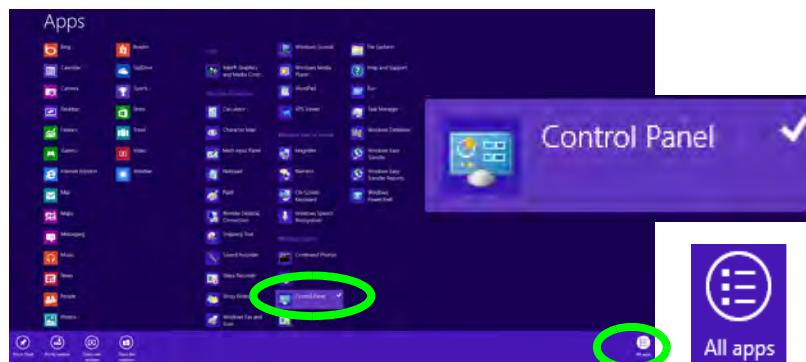


Figure 1 - 28 - All Apps - Control Panel

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- Right-click the lower left hot corner to bring up the menu and select Control Panel (see *Figure 1 - 22 on page 1 - 33*).



Keyboard Shortcut to Control Panel

You can also use keyboard shortcuts to access the Control Panel. Press the **Windows logo key**  and **X** to bring up the context menu, and then press **P** to bring up the Control Panel. Alternatively press the **Windows logo key**  and **R** to bring up the **Run** dialog box, and then type “**Control Panel**” and press Enter to access the Control Panel.

Windows 8 Taskbar

In many instances throughout this manual you will see an instruction to access the **notification area of the taskbar**. In *Windows 8* the taskbar is accessed from the **Desktop** application. If you are in the Start screen you will need to click the Desktop app to switch to the Desktop.

The taskbar is displayed at the bottom of the desktop screen, and you can see the notification area of the taskbar in the bottom right of the screen. Some of the Control Panels and applications referred to during the course of this manual can be accessed from here.



Figure 1 - 29 - Desktop Taskbar

You can pin/unpin apps to/from the taskbar in much the same way as you can to the Start screen (see [“Accessing Pining/Unpinning All Apps” on page 1 - 31](#)).

Video Features

You can switch display devices, and configure display options, from the **Display** control panel (in **Appearances and Personalization**) in *Windows 8* when running the **Desktop** app (see “[“Desktop Application” on page 1 - 32](#)”).

NVIDIA® Optimus™ Technology

NVIDIA® Optimus™ technology is a seamless technology designed to get best performance from the graphics system while allowing longer battery life, without having to manually change settings. The computer will automatically switch between the integrated UMA (Unified Memory Architecture) GPU (**iGPU**) and the discrete GPU (**dGPU**) when required by the applications in use. This switch is seamless to the user (see “[“NVIDIA® Optimus™ Technology” on page C - 2](#)”).

Icon	Color	Description
	Off	Integrated GPU (iGPU) Activated
	Blue/White	Discrete GPU (dGPU) Activated

Table 1 - 7 - GPU Mode LED Indicator

To access **Display (Control Panel)** and **Screen Resolution** in *Windows 8*:

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Display** (icon) - In the **Appearance and Personalization** category.
3. **Adjust resolution.**

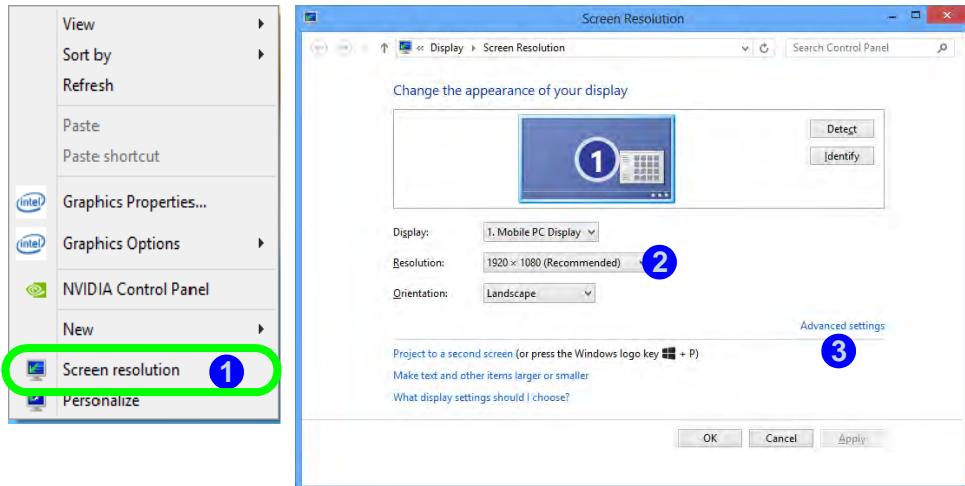


Figure 1 - 30 - Screen Resolution

Right-Click Desktop App

1. You can right-click the desktop and select **Screen resolution** ① (*Figure 1 - 30*).
2. Use the dropdown to select the screen **Resolution** ② (*Figure 1 - 30*).
3. Click **Advanced settings** ③ (*Figure 1 - 30*) to bring up the **Advanced** properties tabs.

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To access the **Intel(R) Graphics Control Panel**:

1. Click **Advanced settings** ③ (Figure 1 - 30 on page 1 - 41) in the **Screen Resolution** control panel in **Windows**.
2. Click the **Intel(R)...** tab and click **Graphics Properties** (button) ④ (Figure 1 - 31 on page 1 - 42).

OR

3. Right-click the desktop and select **Graphics Properties** from the menu.

OR

4. Click the icon ⑤ in the notification area of the Desktop taskbar and select **Graphics Properties** from the menu.

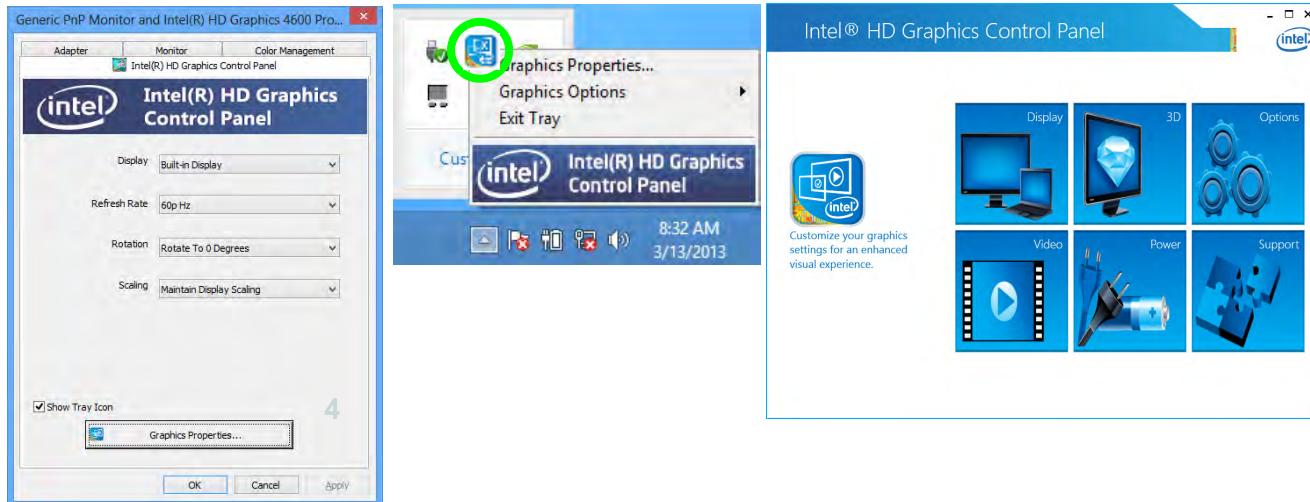


Figure 1 - 31 - Intel Graphics Control Panel

To access the **NVIDIA Control Panel**:

1. Right-click the desktop and select **NVIDIA Control Panel** 5 (Figure 1 - 32).
2. Double-click the icon 6 (Figure 1 - 32) in the **Windows** control panel.
OR

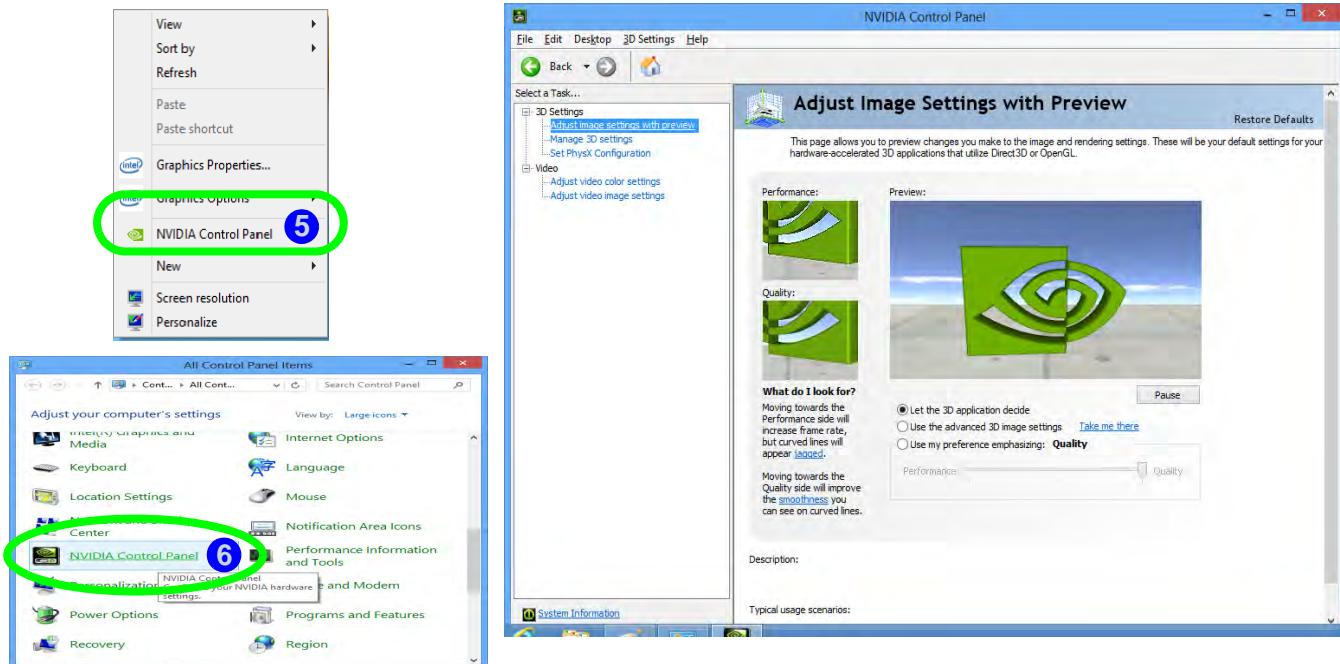


Figure 1 - 32 - NVIDIA Control Panel

Configuring External Displays

In *Windows 8* it is possible to quickly configure external displays from the **Devices** menu item in the **Charms Bar** (see “[Windows 8 Charms Bar” on page 1 - 34](#)).

To Configure External Displays from Devices (Charms Bar):

1. Attach your display to the appropriate port, and turn it on.
2. Go the **Charms Bar** and select **Devices**.
3. Click **Second Screen**.
4. Click on any one of the options from the menu to select Duplicate, Extend or a Single display.

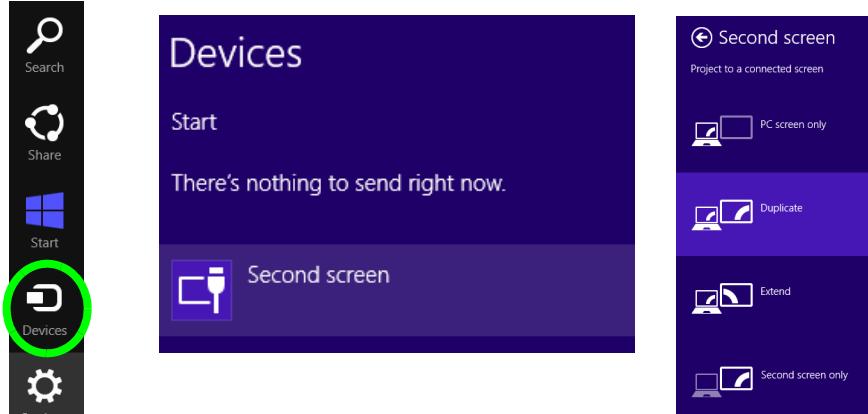


Figure 1 - 33 - Second Screen (Devices)

Power Options

Power Options (Hardware and Sound) can be accessed from the Control Panel. The **Power Menu** item in **Settings** in the **Charms Bar** in *Windows 8* may be used to **Shut down** or **Restart** (you can also add **Hibernate**/**Sleep** to the menu - see [“Adding Hibernate/Sleep to the Power Menu” on page 3 - 9](#)).

Shut Down, Restart or Sleep

1. Go to the **Charms Bar** and click **Settings**.
2. Click **Power** .
3. Select **Sleep**, **Shut Down** or **Restart**.

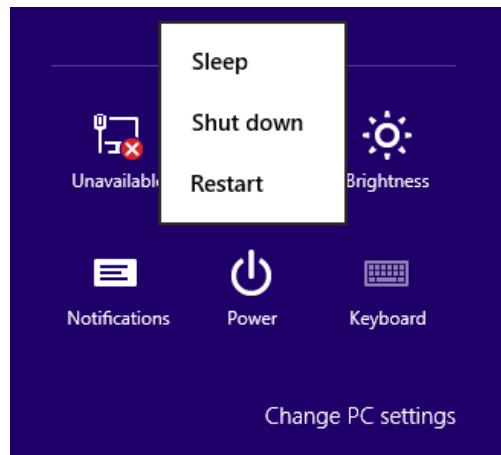


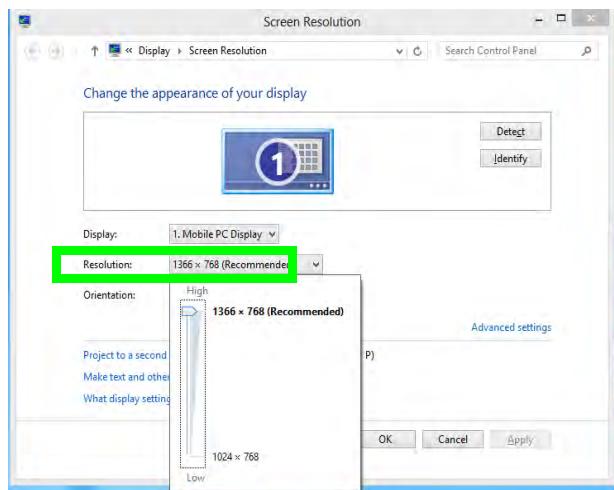
Figure 1 - 34 - Power (Settings)

Running Apps

To run apps in *Windows 8* you will need to check that the **Screen Resolution** and **User Account Control Settings** are compatible with the system requirements.

Screen Resolution Settings

1. Switch to the Windows Desktop (click the app or use the Windows logo key **Windows + D** key combination).
2. Right-click a blank area of the Windows Desktop and select **Screen Resolution**. Adjust the **Resolution** to make sure that it is at least **1024 * 768**, although preferably **1366 * 768** or above (see sidebar).



Screen Resolution for Metro Style Apps (Windows 8)

The minimum resolution in which Metro style Apps will run is **1024x768**.

The minimum resolution required to support all the features of Windows 8 (including multitasking with snap) is **1366x768**.

These specs are the minimum screen resolution that supports all the features of Windows 8 on a useful physical size.

Figure 1 - 35 - Screen Resolution

User Account Control Settings

If your computer meets the minimum screen resolution requirements, and still you can't run Metro apps, then that you have to check the status of **User Account Control** (UAC). Metro apps may fail to open when the UAC is turned off. To check whether the UAC is on or off, follow the instructions below.

1. Open the **Control Panel**.
2. Click on **User Accounts** and then click on **Change User Account Control settings** (or click **System and Security** and click **Change User Account Control Settings** under **Action Center**).
3. If the slider is in the **Never notify** position, then the UAC is disabled.
4. To enable or turn on the UAC, move the slider to **Always notify** or **Notify me when apps try to make changes to my computer (default)** position, and then click **OK**.

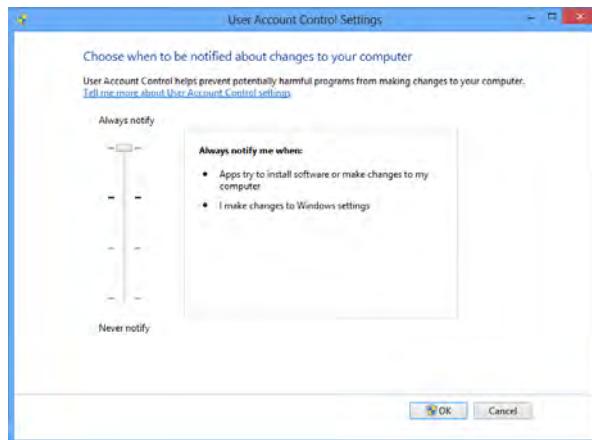


Figure 1 - 36 - User Account Control

Chapter 2: Storage Devices, Mouse, & Audio

Overview

Read this chapter to learn more about the following main features and components of the computer:

- Hard Disk Drive
- Optical Device
- Multi-in-1 Card Reader
- Audio Features
- Touchpad and Buttons/Mouse



Power Safety

Before attempting to access any of the internal components of your computer please ensure that the machine is not connected to the AC power, and that the machine is turned off. Also ensure that all peripheral cables, including phone lines, are disconnected from the computer.

Hard Disk Drive

The hard disk drive(s) is used to store your data in the computer. The hard disks can be taken out to accommodate other 2.5" serial (SATA) hard disk drives with a height of 9.5 mm. The primary hard disk bay **1** is accessible from the bottom of your computer as seen below.

Further details on removing and inserting the hard disk are available in [***“Upgrading the Hard Disk Drive\(s\) on page 6 - 10.***](#)



*Figure 2 - 1
Primary Hard Disk
Location*

Model B/D/E computers feature a **primary** and **secondary** hard disk bay (you may have a second hard disk installed as part of a RAID). **Model A/B** computers may have a secondary hard disk drive installed in an optional caddy bay.

Optical Device

There is a bay for a 5.25" optical (CD/DVD) device (12.7mm height). The actual device will depend on the model you purchased (see ["Storage" on page D - 3](#)). The optical device is usually labeled "Drive D:" and may be used as a boot device if properly set in the **BIOS** (see ["Boot Menu" on page 5 - 14](#)).

Loading Discs

To insert a CD/DVD, press the open button **1** and carefully place a CD/DVD onto the disc tray with label-side facing up (use just enough force for the disc to click onto the tray's spindle). Gently push the CD/DVD tray in until its lock "clicks" and you are ready to start. The busy indicator **2** will light up while data is being accessed, or while an audio/video CD, or DVD, is playing. If power is unexpectedly interrupted, insert an object such as a straightened paper clip into the emergency eject hole **3** to open the tray.



Sound Volume Adjustment

How high the sound volume can be set depends on the setting of the volume control within **Windows**. Click the **Volume** icon on the notification area to check the setting.

Peripherals must be connected before you turn on the system.

Figure 2 - 2
Optical Device



CD Emergency Eject

If you need to manually eject a CD (e.g. due to an unexpected power interruption) you may push the end of a straightened paper clip into the emergency eject hole. However please do NOT use a sharpened pencil or similar object that may break and become lodged in the hole.

Disk Eject Warning

Don't try to remove a CD/DVD while the system is accessing it. This may cause the system to "crash".

Handling CDs or DVDs

Proper handling of your CDs/DVDs will prevent them from being damaged. Please follow the advice below to make sure that the data stored on your CDs/DVDs can be accessed.

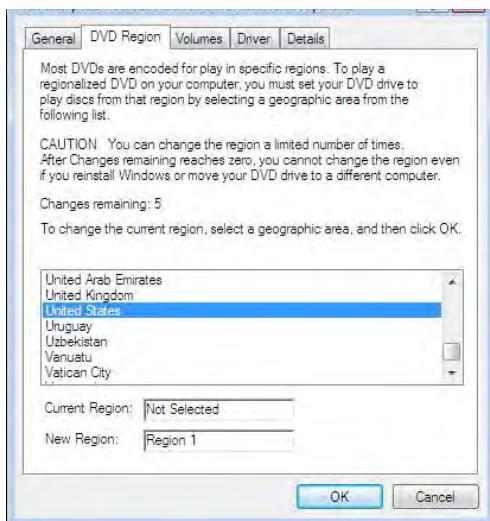
Note the following:

- Hold the CD or DVD by the edges; do not touch the surface of the disc.
- Use a clean, soft, dry cloth to remove dust or fingerprints.
- Do not write on the surface with a pen.
- Do not attach paper or other materials to the surface of the disc.
- Do not store or place the CD or DVD in high-temperature areas.
- Do not use benzene, thinner, or other cleaners to clean the CD or DVD.
- Do not bend the CD or DVD.
- Do not drop or subject the CD or DVD to shock.

DVD Regional Codes

To change the DVD regional codes:

1. Go to the **Control Panel**
2. Double-click **Device Manager (Hardware and Sound)**, then click the **+** next to **DVD/CD-ROM drives**.
3. Double-click on the DVD-ROM device to bring up the **Properties** dialog box, and select the **DVD Region** (tab) to bring up the control panel to allow you to adjust the regional code.



DVD Region Note

DVD region detection is device dependent, not OS-dependent. You can select your module's region code 5 times. The fifth selection is permanent. This cannot be altered even if you change your operating system or you use the module in another computer.

Figure 2 - 3
DVD Region Codes



Card Reader Cover

Make sure you keep the cover in the card reader when not in use. This will help prevent foreign objects and/or dust getting in to the card reader.

Push-Push Card Reader

The card reader features a push-in/push-out card insertion and ejection mechanism. Simply push the card to insert and eject it, however Ms Duo cards require an adapter.

Figure 2 - 4
Left View

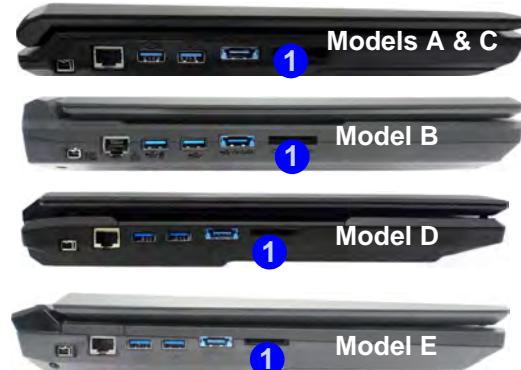
1. Card Reader

Multi-in-1 Card Reader

The card reader allows you to use some of the latest digital storage cards. Push the card into the slot and it will appear as a removable device, and can be accessed in the same way as your hard disk (s). Make sure you install the Card Reader driver (see [“Card Reader” on page 4 - 6](#)).

- MMC (MultiMedia Card) / RSMMC
- SD (Secure Digital) / Mini SD / SDHC / SDXC
- MS (Memory Stick) / MS Pro / MS Duo

Note: Some of these cards require PC adapters that are usually supplied with the cards.

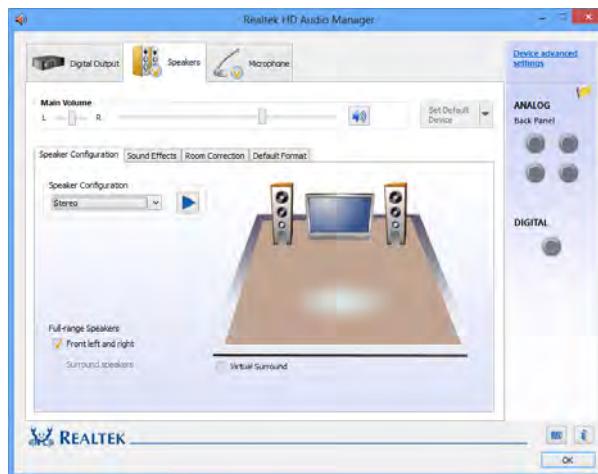


Audio Features

You can configure the audio options on your computer from the **Sound**  control panel in **Windows**, or from the **Realtek HD Audio Manager**  icon in the notification area/control panel (right-click the notification area icon  to bring up an audio menu). The volume may also be adjusted by means of the **Fn + F5/F6** key combination (see *Table 1 - 6, on page 1 - 18*).



Right-click the icon  to access the menu above.



See **"HDMI Audio Configuration"** on page C - 34 for a description of the audio configuration when connecting an HDMI supported display device.

See **"Sound Blaster Audio & HDMI"** on page 7 - 72 for more information on the THX TruStudio Pro Audio setup.

Volume Adjustment

The sound volume level is set using the volume control within **Windows** (and the volume function keys on the computer). Click the volume icon in the notification area to check the setting.

Headphone Configuration

It is recommended that you set the **Speaker Configuration** to **Stereo** (not to 5.1 or 7.1 Speaker) when listening through headphones in order to maximize audio quality.

Figure 2 - 5
Realtek Audio Manager

Setup for Audio Recording

To record audio sources on your computer at optimum quality follow the instructions below:

1. Click **Control Panel** and make sure you are in **Classic View**.
2. Click **Realtek HD Audio Manager** (or right-click the notification area icon  and select **Sound Manager**).
3. Click **Microphone Effects** (tab) in **Microphone** (tab), and then click to select **Noise Suppression** (button), or adjust the **Recording Volume** level to around **60**, to obtain the optimum recording quality.
4. Click **OK** to close the control panel and save the settings.

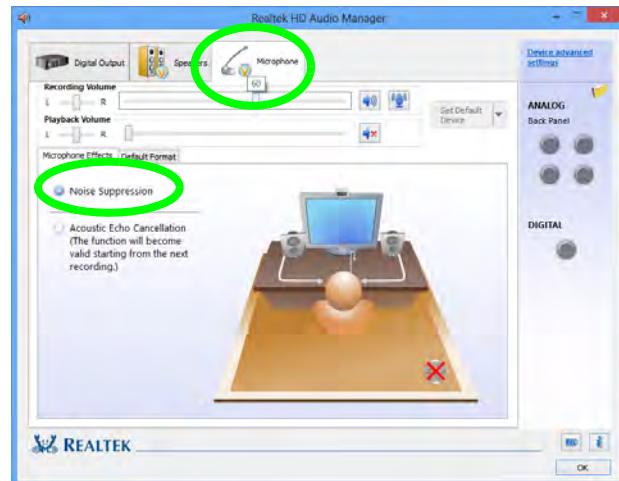
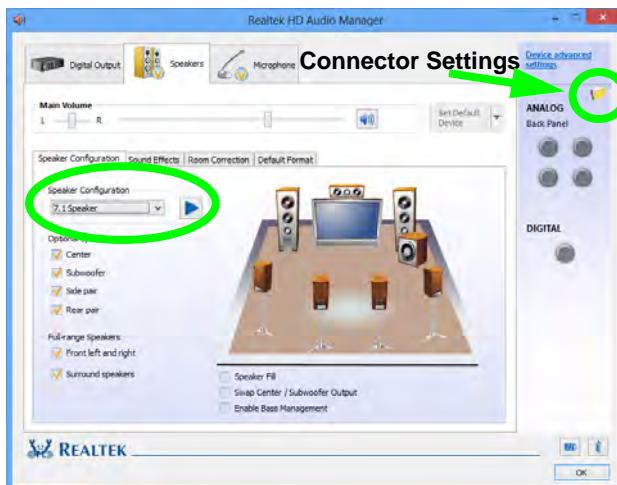


Figure 2 - 6
Realtek Audio
Manager -
Recording Setup

Setup for 5.1 or 7.1 Surround Sound

To setup your system for 5.1 or 7.1 surround sound you will need to connect the audio cables to the Headphone-Out, Line-In, Microphone-In jack and S/PDIF-Out jacks (*note: the S/PDIF jack is used for 7.1 surround sound only*).

1. Click **Start**, and click **Control Panel** (or point to **Settings** and click **Control Panel**) and make sure you are in **Classic View**.
2. Click **Realtek HD Audio Manager** (or right-click the notification area icon  and select **Sound Manager**).
3. Click **Speakers** (tab) and click **Speaker Configuration** (tab).
4. Select **5.1 or 7.1 Speaker** from the **Speaker Configuration** pull-down menu.



Sound Blaster Audio & HDMI

Note that the Sound Blaster audio effects **do not apply** to audio generated through an HDMI connection (see page [7 - 64.](#)).

Auto Popup Dialog

You should enable the auto popup dialog to automatically detect when a device has been plugged-in. If disabled, double-click **connector settings**  and click the box to enable the auto popup detection of plugged-n devices.

*Figure 2 - 7
Speaker
Configuration (7.1)*

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5. Plug the **front speaker** cables into the **Headphone-Out Jack**.
6. Plug in the other cables (you may require an adapter to connect each cable to the appropriate jack e.g a stereo mini to dual RCA adapter) from your speakers as follows:
 - Line-In Jack = Rear Speaker Out
 - Microphone-In Jack = Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out
 - S/PDIF-Out Jack = Side Speaker Out (**for 7.1 Surround Sound Only**)
7. As you plug in each cable a dialog box will pop up (see [**“Auto Popup Dialog” on page 2 - 9**](#)).
8. Click to put a tick in the appropriate box according to the speaker plugged-in (e.g. Rear Speaker Out), and then click **OK** to save the setting.
9. Click **OK** to exit **Realtek HD Audio Manager**.



Figure 2 - 8
Connected Device
Auto Popup

Note: Side Speaker Out is required for 7.1 Surround only.

Touchpad and Buttons/Mouse

The Touchpad is an alternative to the mouse; however, you can also add a mouse to your computer through one of the USB ports. The Touchpad buttons function in much the same way as a two-button mouse.

The Touchpad driver installed on your system will be dependent on your computer model. See overleaf for Touchpad sensitivity information, and see the pages indicated below for configuration information.

- See pages **2 - 13** to **2 - 17** for Touchpad information for **Models A, C, D & E**.
- See pages **2 - 18** to **2 - 27** for Touchpad information for **Model B**.



Mouse Driver

If you are using an external mouse your operating system may be able to auto-configure your mouse during its installation or only enable its basic functions. Be sure to check the device's user documentation for details.

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Standard Touchpad Sensitivity

The standard Touchpad (featured in **Model A, C & D** computers) also have a valid operational area is that indicated within the red dotted lines above.

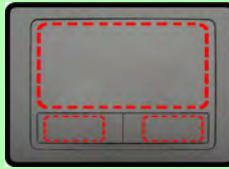


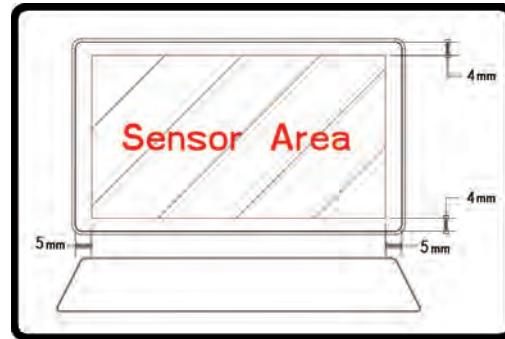
Figure 2 - 9
Touchpad
Sensitivity

Illuminated Touchpad Sensitivity

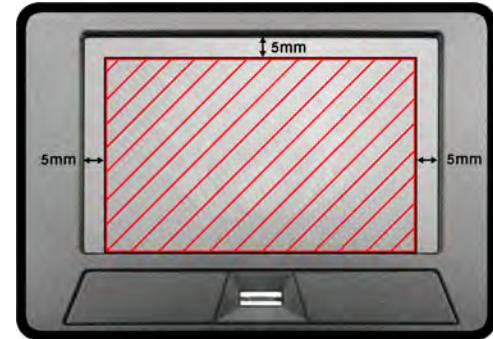
Note that the illuminated Touchpad (**Models B & E**) has a defined valid operational area of sensitivity indicated within the **sensor area** of the illustration below:

- **Model B Computers** - **4 mm** from the top/bottom of the touchpad edges, and **5 mm** from the left/right sides of the touchpad.
- **Model E Computers** - **5 mm** from the top of the touchpad edges, and **5 mm** from the left/right sides of the touchpad.

Model B Computers



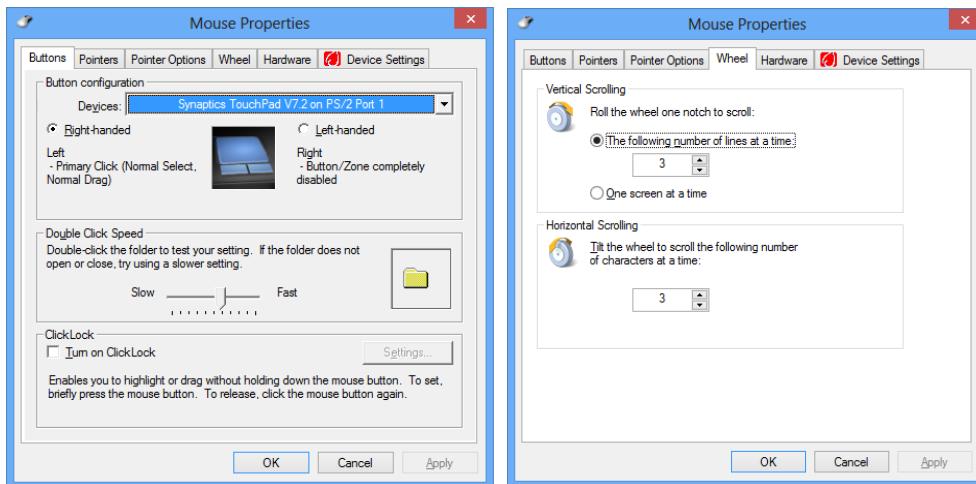
Model E Computers



The standard Touchpad (featured in **Model A, C & D** computers) also have a valid operational area is that indicated within the red dotted lines above.

Touchpad Configuration for Models A, C, D & E

Once you have installed the TouchPad driver (see “[TouchPad](#) on page 4 - 6) you can configure the functions from the Mouse control panel in *Windows*, or by double-clicking the TouchPad driver icon  in the notification area of the taskbar in the Desktop app. You may then configure the TouchPad tapping, buttons, scrolling, pointer motion and sensitivity options to your preferences. You will find further information at www.synaptics.com.



TouchPad Scrolling

This computer model series may feature different TouchPad versions.

These TouchPads may differ in their vertical scrolling function in most scrollable windows.

Some TouchPads require sliding the finger up and down on the right of the TouchPad to scroll the window. Other versions require tapping/holding down the finger at the top right or bottom right of the TouchPad to scroll the window.

Figure 2 - 10
Mouse Properties

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Show Video

You can get a clearer view of the gestures involved by clicking the **Show Video** option for each gesture item.

Select the gesture (Pinch Zoom, Rotating, Three Fingers Down and Three Finger Flick) in the **Device Settings > Settings** left tree menu and click the **Show Video** button to see the demonstration video.

For more details on any of the gestures see the **help** in the lower part of the right menu window.

Gestures and Device Settings

The Synaptics Gestures Suite application allows you to use a specific gesture (action) on the surface of the Touchpad to perform specific actions to manipulate documents, objects and applications.

You can configure the settings from the Device Settings tab in **Mouse Properties**:

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Mouse (Hardware and Sound)**.
3. Click **Device Settings** (tab) and click **Settings**.
4. Use the menu tree on the left to access the user configurable settings.

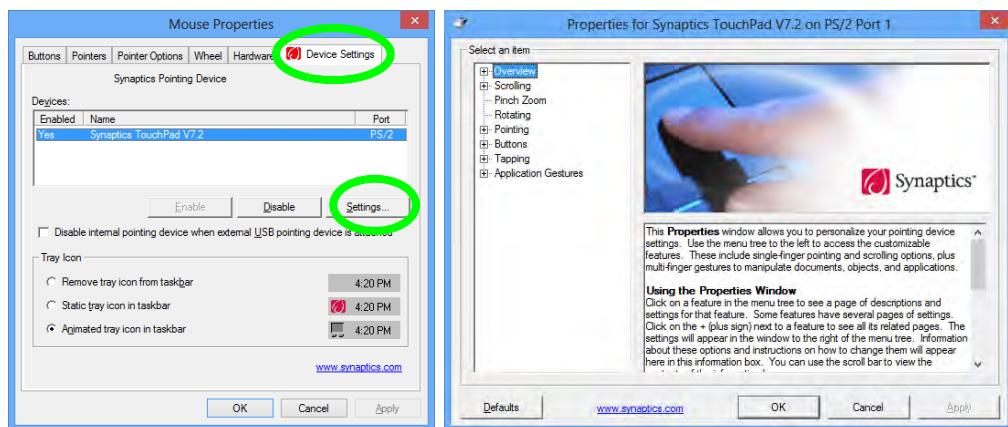


Figure 2 - 11
Mouse Properties -
Device Settings

Disabling the Touchpad

If you need to disable the Touchpad for any reason (e.g. you may find that when using the computer's internal keyboard you accidentally trigger the Touchpad when resting your wrists or palms on it) you can do so by using **Fn + F1** key combination.

You can also set the system to automatically disable the internal Touchpad when an external USB point device (e.g a USB mouse) is attached.

1. Go to the **Mouse Properties** control panel.
2. Click to select **Device Settings** (tab).
3. Click to place a tick in the "**Disable internal pointing device when external USB pointing device is attached**" tickbox.
4. Click **OK** to save the setting.

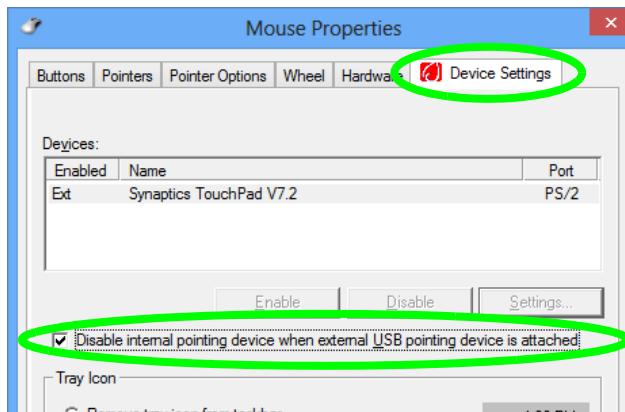


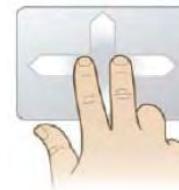
Figure 2 - 12
Mouse Properties
(Disable Touchpad)

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Scrolling

The Two-Finger scrolling feature works in most scrollable windows and allows you to scroll horizontally and vertically. Place two fingers, slightly separated, on the TouchPad surface and slide both fingers in the direction required (in a straight continuous motion).

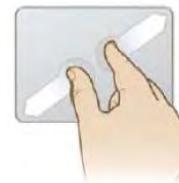
Figure 2 - 13
Scrolling Gesture



Zooming

The Pinch Zoom gesture can be used to perform the same function as a scroll wheel in *Windows* applications that support CTRL + scroll wheel zoom functionality. Place two fingers on the TouchPad (for best results use the tips of the fingers) and slide them apart to zoom in, or closer together to zoom out.

Figure 2 - 14
Zooming Gesture



Rotating

Use the Pivot Rotate gesture to rotate objects (e.g. photos) in 90 degree increments. Place a finger down on the left “target” zone and keep it stationary. Place another finger near the middle of the TouchPad and slide it in a circular motion around the stationary finger (clockwise or counterclockwise) to rotate the object.



Figure 2 - 15
Rotating Gesture

Three Finger-Flick/Three Fingers Down (Press)

The Three Finger-Flick gesture may be used to enhance navigation with a variety of applications such as browsing the Internet or scrolling through a photo viewer. The Three Fingers Down gesture may be used to launch user-selectable applications.

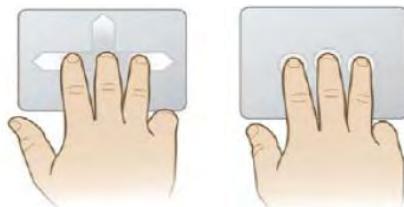


Figure 2 - 16
**Flick/Press
Gesture**



Tray Icon

Make sure that the Touchpad driver icon  in the notification area of the **Desktop** taskbar.

Go to the control panel (**Mouse** control panel in **Windows**), click **Finger Sensing Pad** (tab), click **Tray Icon** and then make sure **Show Tray Icon** is clicked.

Touchpad Configuration for Model B

Once you have installed the Touchpad driver (see “[TouchPad](#) on page 4 - 6”) you can configure the functions by double-clicking the Touchpad driver icon  in the notification area of the **Desktop** taskbar, or from the **Mouse** control panel in **Windows**. You may then configure the Touchpad tapping, buttons, scrolling (see sidebar), pointer motion and sensitivity options to your preferences.

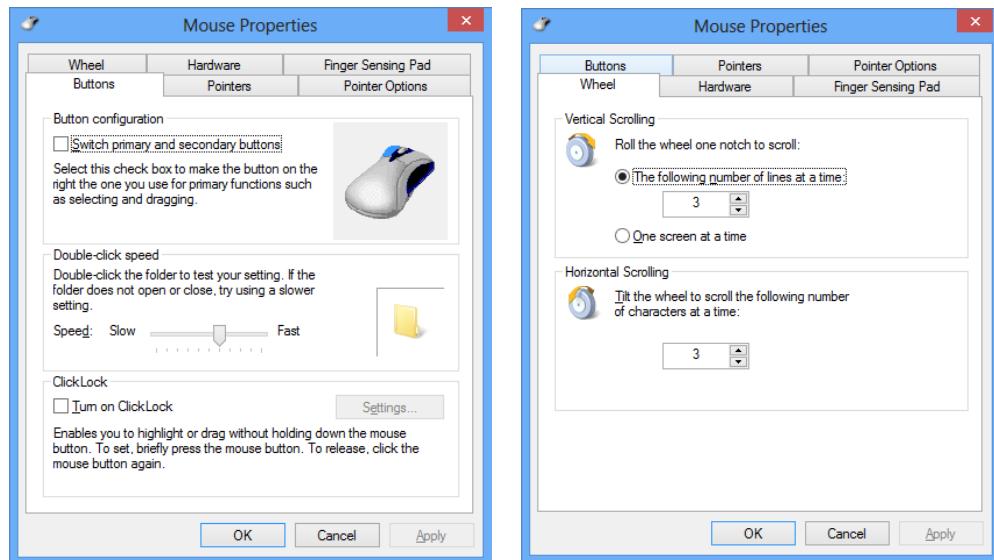
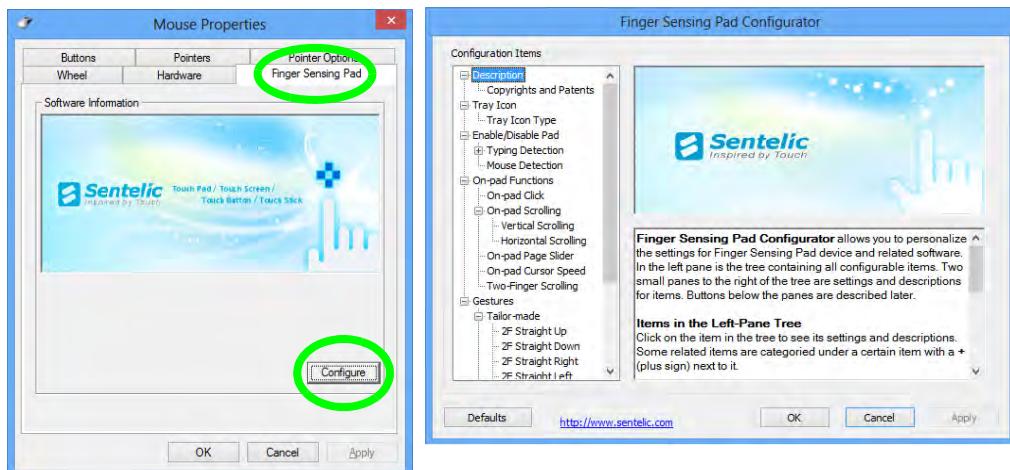


Figure 2 - 17
Mouse Properties

Finger Sensing Pad Configurator

The **Finger Sensing Pad Configurator** allows you to use a configure the settings for the Finger Sensing Pad device and software. The left pane in the control panel contains all the configurable items, and you can click the “+” to expand the menu selections.

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Mouse (Hardware and Sound)**.
3. Click **Finger Sensing Pad** (tab) and click **Configure**.
4. Use the menu tree on the left to access the user configurable settings.



Configuration

Click **Defaults** to restore all the factory settings.

Press **OK** to save the changes and close the configurator.

Click **Apply** to save changes but remain in the configurator.

Figure 2 - 18
Finger Sensing Pad Configurator

Storage Devices, Mouse, & Audio

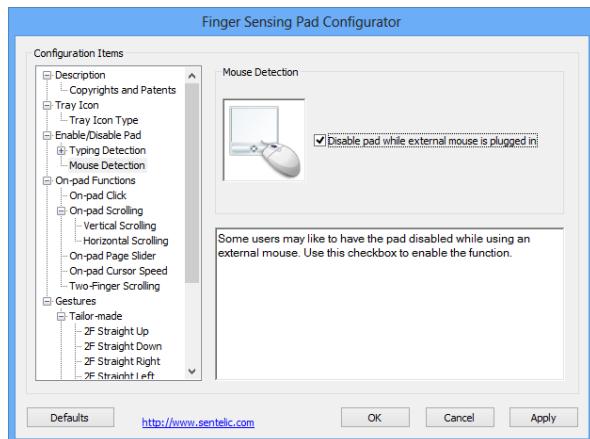
Disabling the Touchpad

If you need to disable the Touchpad for any reason (e.g. you may find that when using the computer's internal keyboard you accidentally trigger the Touchpad when resting your wrists or palms on it) you can do so by using **Fn + F1** key combination.

You can also set the system to automatically disable the internal Touchpad when an external USB pointing device (e.g. a USB mouse) is attached, or while you are typing (see over).

1. Go to the **Mouse** control panel and click to select **Finger Sensing Pad** (tab).
2. Click to place a tick in the "**Disable pad while external mouse is plugged in**" box.
3. Click **OK** to save the setting.

Figure 2 - 19
Mouse Detection



You can also enable **Typing Detection** to disable the pad while you are typing. The pad will be disabled while typing is detected, and will be reactivated after a set interval of time when typing is not detected. You can use the slider to adjust the reactivation time for an appropriate interval.

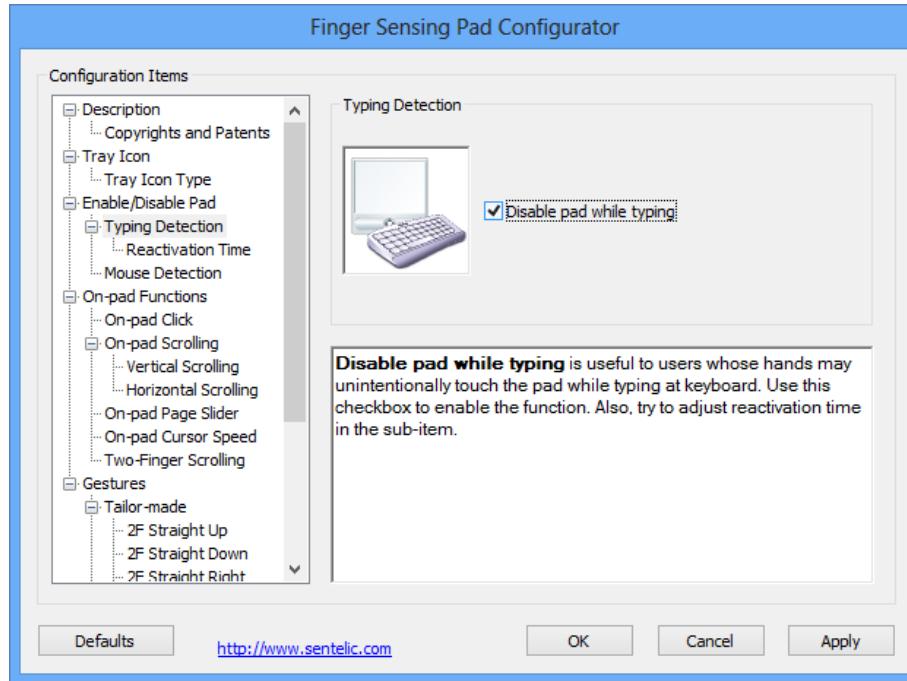


Figure 2 - 20
Disable Pad While
Typing



Traditional or Reverse Scrolling

With **traditional scrolling**, when you want to scroll up a web page, you put fingers on the pad and them move upwards. When you want to scroll down, you move your fingers down.

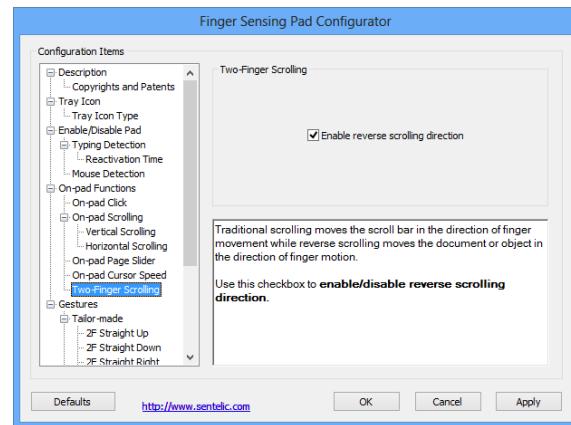
Reverse scrolling reverses the process; to make a webpage scroll down, you have to move fingers up on the pad, and to scroll up you move your fingers down.

*Figure 2 - 21
Enable Reverse
Scrolling Direction*

On-pad Functions

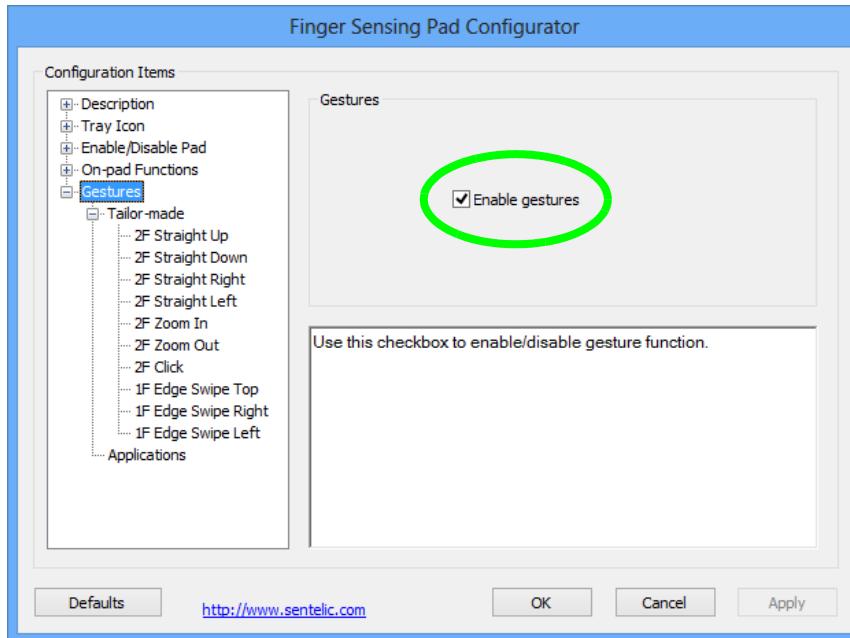
Put a tick in the appropriate box to enable the function.

- **On-pad Click** - The same function as a left mouse click.
- **Vertical/Horizontal Scrolling** - This will enable sensing zones on the pad to allow you to touch to enable scrolling.
- **On-pad Click Page Slider** - This will enable sensing zones on the pad to allow you to touch to enable sliding up and down the pad.
- **On-pad Cursor Speed** - Use the slider to adjust the pad pointer speed.
- **Two Finger Scrolling** - You can enable/disable **reverse** two-finger scrolling (see below) from this item.



Gestures

Click **Gestures** and make sure that the **Enable Gestures** tickbox is clicked. Double-click **Gestures** and then double-click **Tailor-made** or **Applications** to open the submenu. You can enable/disable and configure any of the **Tailor-made** gestures from these submenus.



Play Video

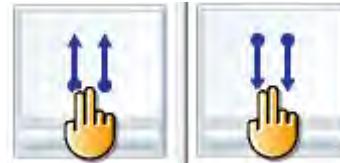
You can get a clearer view of the gestures involved by clicking the **Play Video** option for each gesture item.

Figure 2 - 22
Finger Sensing Pad - Gestures

Storage Devices, Mouse, & Audio

- **Two Fingers Straight Up/Down** - Place two fingers side by side on the pad, slightly apart. Slide the fingers upwards/downwards in a continuous motion.

Figure 2 - 23
2F Straight Up/
Down



- **Two Fingers Straight Right/Left** - Place two fingers side by side on the pad, slightly apart. Slide the fingers right/left in a continuous motion.

Figure 2 - 24
2F Straight Right/
Left



- **Two Fingers Zoom In/Out** - Place two fingers side by side on the pad, slightly apart. Slide the fingers apart in a continuous motion to zoom in, or slide the fingers closer together to zoom out.

Figure 2 - 25
2F Zoom In/Out



- **Two Fingers Click** - Tap the pad with two slightly separated fingers. This simulates the use of a middle mouse button often used in the most common internet browsers.



Figure 2 - 26
2F Click

- **One Finger Edge Swipe Top** - Place a single finger on the top edge of the pad and slide the finger downwards onto the pad. This is used to open the **App** bar in the **Windows Start menu** (not the desktop).



Figure 2 - 27
1F Edge Swipe Top

Storage Devices, Mouse, & Audio

- **One Finger Edge Swipe Right** - Place a single finger on the right edge of the pad and slide the finger to the left onto the pad. This is used to open the **Charms** bar.

Figure 2 - 28
1F Edge Swipe Right



- **One Finger Edge Swipe Left** - Place a single finger on the left edge of the pad and slide the finger to the right onto the pad. This is used to switch to the last used application.

Figure 2 - 29
1F Edge Swipe Left



Applications

A number of programs/applications support gestures which trigger functions within the program. The **Program List** displays the programs/applications supporting these functions, and you can use the scroll bar to the right to scroll up/down the list. Click to select the program/application and click **View** (or just double-click) to see the gestures supported.

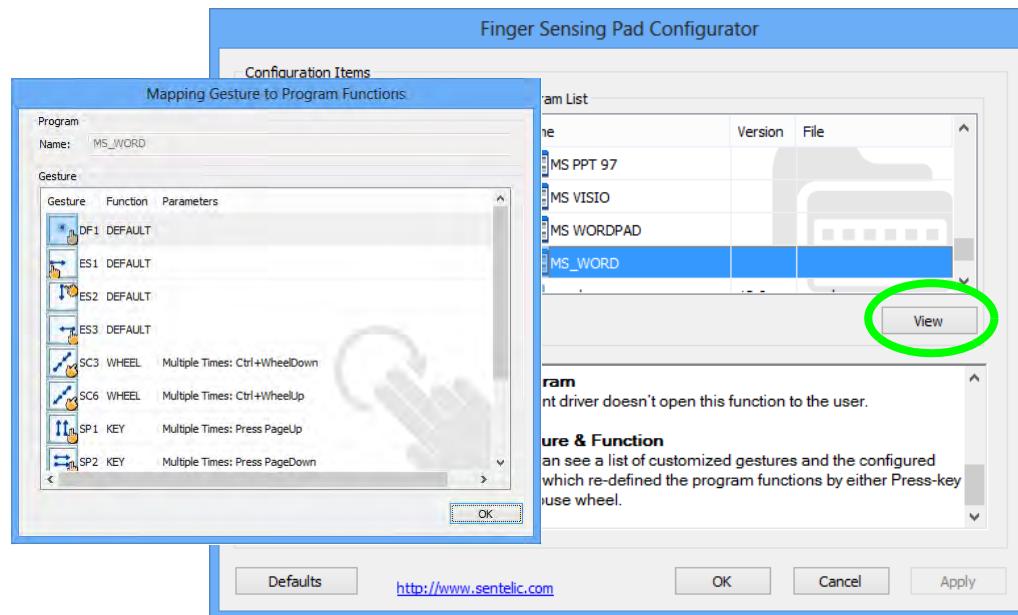


Figure 2 - 30
Applications

Chapter 3: Power Management

Overview

To conserve power, especially when using the battery, your computer power management conserves power by controlling individual components of the computer (the monitor and hard disk drive) or the whole system. This chapter covers:

- The Power Sources
- Turning On the Computer
- Power Plans
- Power-Saving States
- Configuring the Power Buttons
- Battery Information

The computer uses enhanced power saving techniques to give the operating system (OS) direct control over the power and thermal states of devices and processors. For example, this enables the OS to set devices into low-power states based on user settings and information from applications.



OS Note

Power management functions will vary slightly depending on your operating system. For more information it is best to refer to the user's manual of your operating system.



Forced Off

If the system "hangs", and the **Ctrl + Alt + Del** key combination doesn't work, press the power button for **4 seconds**, or longer, to force the system to turn itself off.

The Power Sources

The computer can be powered by either an AC/DC adapter or a battery pack.

AC/DC Adapter

Use only the AC/DC adapter that comes with your computer. The wrong type of AC/DC adapter will damage the computer and its components.

1. Attach the AC/DC adapter to the DC-in jack at the rear of the computer.
2. Plug the AC power cord into an outlet, and then connect the AC power cord to the AC/DC adapter.
3. Raise the lid/LCD to a comfortable viewing angle.
4. Press the power button to turn "On".

Battery

The battery allows you to use your computer while you are on the road or when an electrical outlet is unavailable. Battery life varies depending on the applications and the configuration you're using. **To increase battery life, let the battery discharge completely before recharging** (see "["Battery FAQ" on page 3 - 17](#)").

We recommend that you do not remove the battery. For more information on the battery, please refer to "["Battery Information" on page 3 - 13](#)".

Turning On the Computer

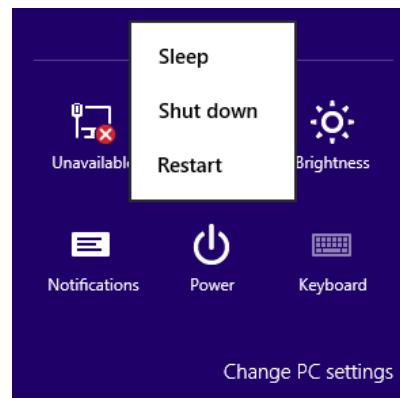
Now you are ready to begin using your computer. To turn it on simply press the power button on the front panel.

When the computer is on, you can use the power button as a Stand by/Hibernate/Shutdown hot-key button when it is pressed for less than **4 seconds** (pressing and holding the power button for longer than this will shut the computer down). Use **Power Options (Hardware and Sound)** in the *Windows* control panel to configure this feature.

Shut Down

Note that you should always shut your computer down by choosing the **Shut Down** command from the **Power Menu** in the **Settings** menu in the *Windows 8 Charms Bar*.

This will help prevent hard disk or system problems. If you want to add **Hibernate/Sleep** to the **Power Menu** see "[Adding Hibernate/Sleep to the Power Menu](#)" on page 3 - 9.



Power Button as Stand by or Hibernate Button

You can use the OS's "Power Options" control panel to set the power button to send the system into Stand by or Hibernate mode (see your OS's documentation, or "[Configuring the Power Buttons](#)" on page 3 - 8 for details).

Figure 3 - 1
Power Menu
(Settings - Charms Bar)

Power Management

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Resuming Operation

See [Table 3 - 1, on page 3 - 10](#) for information on how to resume from a power-saving state.

Password

It is recommended that you enable a password on system resume in order to protect your data.

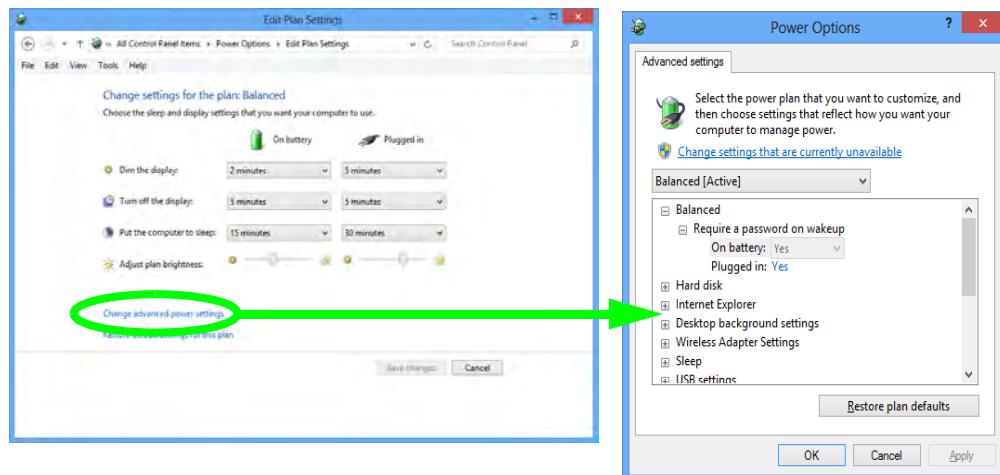
*Figure 3 - 2
Power Plan
Advanced Settings*

Power Plans

The computer can be configured to conserve power by means of **power plans**. You can use (or modify) an existing **power plan**, or create a new one.

The settings may be adjusted to set the **display** to turn off after a specified time, and to send the computer into **Sleep** after a period of inactivity.

Click **Change plan settings** and then click **Change advanced power settings** to access further configuration options in **Advanced Settings**.



Each **Windows power plan** will also adjust the processor performance of your machine in order to save power. This is worth bearing in mind if you are experiencing any reduced performance (especially under DC/battery power).

Choose **High performance** (you may need to click **Show additional plans** to view the High performance plan) for maximum performance when the computer is powered from an AC power source. Choose the **Power saver** (bear in mind that this scheme may slow down the overall performance of the computer in order to save power) for maximum power saving when the computer is battery (DC power) powered.

Click to Show/Hide additional power plans

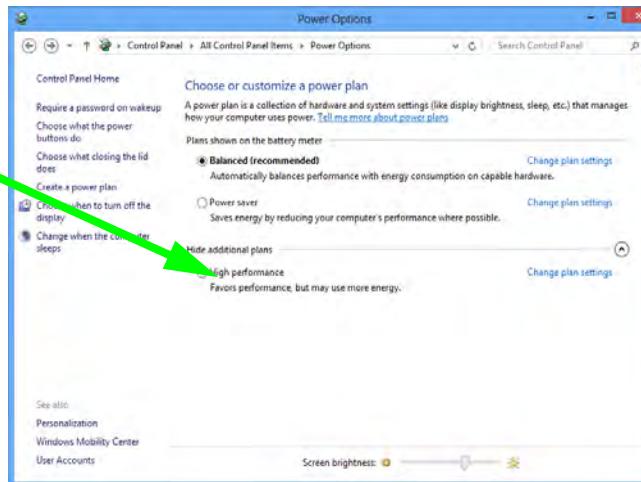


Figure 3 - 3
Power Plans



Wake On LAN Support (Windows 8)

Wake-On-LAN is only supported from **Sleep** or **Hibernate** states **in Windows 8**.

If you require your computer to wake up from network activity in Windows 8 then make sure that the computer is either in **Sleep** or **Hibernate**.

Wake-On-LAN is not supported from Shutdown states in **Windows 8**.

Power-Saving States

You can use power-saving states to stop the computer's operation and restart where you left off. **Win 8** uses the **Sleep**, **Hibernate** and **Shut Down** power-saving states.

Sleep

In **Sleep** all of your work, settings and preferences are saved to memory before the system sleeps. When you are not using your computer for a certain length of time, which you specify in the operating system, it will enter **Sleep** to save power.

The PC wakes from **Sleep within seconds** and will return you to where you last left off (what was on your desktop) without reopening the application(s) and file(s) you last used.

If your mobile PC in **Sleep** is running on battery power the system will use only a minimum amount of power. After an extended period the system will save all the information to the hard disk and shut the computer down before the battery becomes depleted.

To add **Sleep** to the **Power Menu** see "["Adding Hibernate/Sleep to the Power Menu" on page 3 - 9.](#)

Hibernate

Hibernate uses the least amount of power of all the power-saving states and saves all of your information on a part of the hard disk before it turns the system off. If a power failure occurs the system can restore your work from the hard disk; if a power failure occurs when work is saved only to memory, then the work will be lost. **Hibernate** will also return you to where you last left off within seconds. You should put your mobile PC into **Hibernate** if you will not use the computer for a period of time, and will not have the chance to charge the battery. To add **Hibernate** to the **Power Menu** see “*[Adding Hibernate/Sleep to the Power Menu](#)* on page 3 - 9.

Shut down

You should **Shut down** the computer if you plan to install new hardware (don’t forget to remove the battery and follow all the safety instructions in **Chapter 6**), plan to be away from the computer for several days, or you do not need it to wake up and run a scheduled task. Returning to full operation from **Shut down** takes longer than from **Sleep** or **Hibernate**.



Figure 3 - 4
Power Menu

>Password Protection

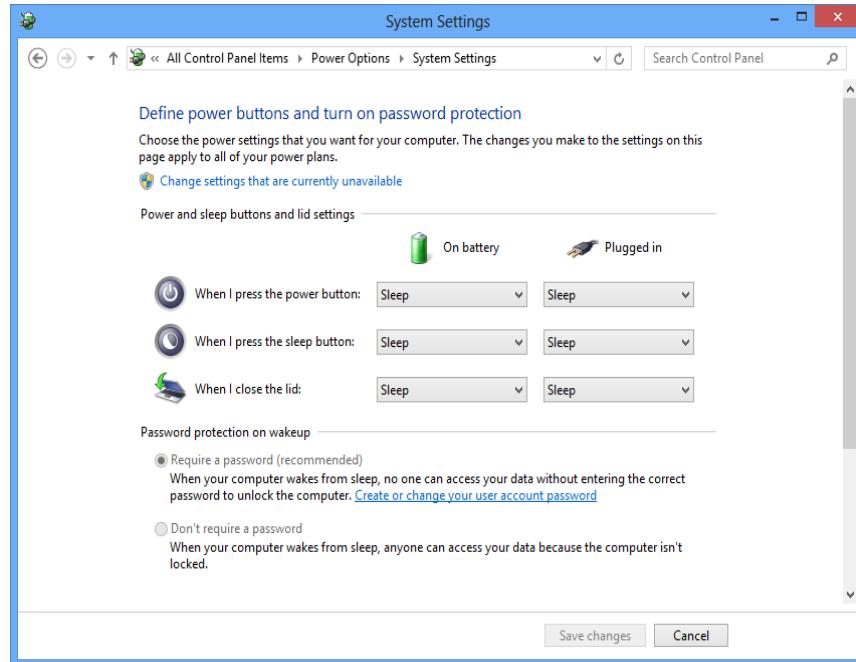
It is recommended that you enable a password on wake up in order to protect your data.

However you can disable this setting from the **Power Options** menu by clicking **Require a password on wakeup** in the left menu, and selecting the options (click **Change settings that are currently unavailable**).

Figure 3 - 5
Power Options
Define Power Buttons

Configuring the Power Buttons

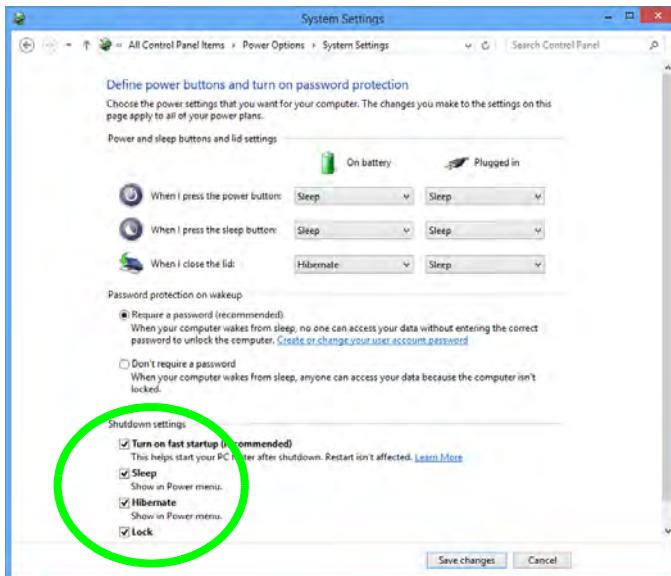
The power/sleep button (**Fn + F4** key combo) and closed lid may be set to send the computer in to a power-saving state. Click **Choose what the power buttons do** on the left menu in **Power Options** to bring up the menu.



Adding Hibernate/Sleep to the Power Menu

Add **Hibernate/Sleep** to the **Power Menu** as follows.

1. Go to the **Power Options (Hardware and Sound)** control panel (see page **1 - 23**).
2. Click “**Change settings that are currently unavailable**”  [Change settings that are currently unavailable](#).
3. Click **Choose what the power buttons do**.
4. Click to put a tick in the **Hibernate/Sleep** box under **Shutdown settings**.
5. Click **Save Changes** and close the control panel.



*Figure 3 - 6
Power Options
Define Power
Buttons - Shutdown
Settings*

Table 3 - 1
**Resuming
Operation**

Resuming Operation

You can resume operation from power-saving states by pressing the power button, or in some cases pressing the sleep button (**Fn + F4** key combo).

Power Status	Icon	Color	To Resume
Power Off	Off		Press the Power Button
Sleep	Blinking Green		Press the Power Button Press the Sleep Button (Fn + F4 Key Combo)
Hibernate	Off (battery) Orange (AC/DC adapter)		Press the Power Button
Display Turned Off	Green		Press a Key or Move the Mouse/Touchpad



Closing the Lid

If you have chosen to send the computer to **Sleep** when the lid is closed, raising the lid will wake the system up.



Power Button

When the computer is on, you can use the power button as a Sleep/Hibernate/Shut Down hot key button when it is pressed for less than **4 seconds** (pressing and holding the power button for longer than this will force the computer to shut down).

Power Conservation Modes

This system supports **Energy Star** power management features that place computers (CPU, hard drive, etc.) into a low-power sleep modes after a designated period of inactivity. Adjust **Power Conservation Modes** from the **Control Center**:

1. Press the **Fn + Esc** key combination to toggle the **Control Center** on/off.
2. Click either the **Performance**, **Balanced** or **Energy Star** button.
3. Click in a blank area of the icon or press a key on the keyboard to exit **Power Conservation Mode** without making any changes.



Power Conservation Modes

The **Energy Star** setting will result in maximum power saving, but with the possible loss of some performance.

Setting the mode to **Balance** will give power saving matched with performance.

Performance will give optimum computer performance but with less power conservation.

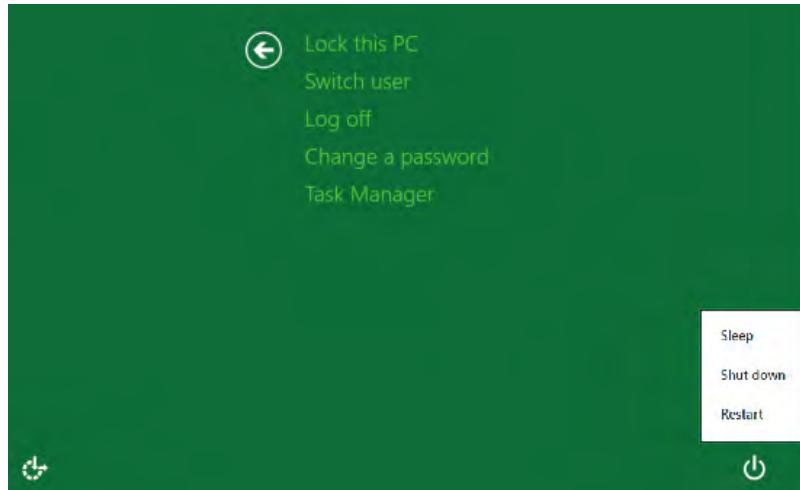
Figure 3 - 7
Control Center

Power Management

Ctrl + Alt + Delete Key Combination

You can use the **CTRL + ALT + DEL** key combination from almost any of the **Windows 8** interfaces/Apps to bring up a full-screen displaying **Lock**, **Switch User**, **Log off**, **Change a password** and **Task Manager** options. If you click the **Power** icon in the lower right corner of the screen a power management option menu appears to display **Sleep**, **Shut down**, and **Restart**.

Figure 3 - 8
Ctrl + Alt + Delete
Menu



To fully control all the power options (including Hibernate mode) go to the **Power Options** control panel and configure the power button, sleep button and lid to perform the function selected.

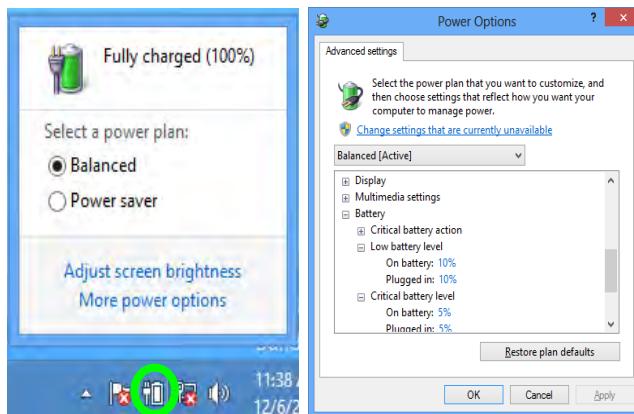
Battery Information

Follow these simple guidelines to get the best use out of your battery.

Battery Power

Your computer's battery power is dependent upon many factors, including the programs you are running, and peripheral devices attached. You can set actions to be taken (e.g. Shut down, Hibernate etc.), and set critical and low battery levels from power plan **Change plan settings > Change advanced power settings** (see *Figure 3 - 3 on page 3 - 5*).

Click the battery icon  in the notification area to see the current battery level and charge status.



Low Battery Warning

When the battery is critically low, immediately connect the AC/DC adapter to the computer or save your work, otherwise, the unsaved data will be lost when the power is depleted.

*Figure 3 - 9
Battery Icon
(Notification Area) &
Battery Advanced
Settings*



Windows Mobility Center

The **Windows Mobility Center** control panel provides an easy point of access for information on battery status, power plans used and wireless device status etc.

Conserving Battery Power

- Use a **power plan** that conserves power (e.g **Power saver**), however note that this may have an affect on computer performance.
- Lower the brightness level of the LCD display. The system will decrease LCD brightness slightly to save power when it is not powered by the AC/DC adapter.
- Reduce the amount of time before the display is turned off.
- Close wireless, Bluetooth, modem or communication applications when they are not being used.
- Disconnect/remove any unnecessary external devices e.g. USB devices, ExpressCards etc.



Figure 3 - 10
Windows Mobility Center

Battery Life

Battery life may be shortened through improper maintenance. **To optimize the life and improve its performance, fully discharge and recharge the battery at least once every 30 days.**

We recommend that you do not remove the battery yourself. If you do need to remove the battery for any reason (e.g. long term storage) see ***“Removing the Battery” on page 6 - 3.***

New Battery

Always completely discharge, then fully charge, a new battery (see ***“Battery FAQ” on page 3 - 17*** for instructions on how to do this).

Recharging the Battery with the AC/DC Adapter

The battery pack automatically recharges when the AC/DC adapter is attached and plugged into an electrical outlet. If the computer is powered on, and in use, it will take several hours to fully recharge the battery. When the computer is turned off but plugged into an electrical outlet, battery charge time is less. Refer to ***“LED Indicators” on page 1 - 11*** for information on the battery charge status, and to ***“Battery Information” on page 3 - 13*** for more information on how to maintain and properly recharge the battery pack.



Caution

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced.

Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used battery according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Proper handling of the Battery Pack

- DO NOT disassemble the battery pack under any circumstances
- DO NOT expose the battery to fire or high temperatures, it may explode
- DO NOT connect the metal terminals (+, -) to each other



Damaged Battery Warning

Should you notice any physical defects (e.g. the battery is bent out of shape after being dropped), or any unusual smells emanating from the notebook battery, shut your computer down immediately and contact your distributor/supplier. If the battery has been dropped we do not recommend using it any further, as even if the computer continues to work with a damaged battery in place, it may cause circuit damage, which may possibly result in fire. It is recommended that you replace your computer battery every two years.

Battery FAQ

How do I completely discharge the battery?

Use the computer with battery power until it shuts down due to a low battery. Don't turn off the computer even if a message indicates the battery is critically low, just let the computer use up all of the battery power and shut down on its own.

1. Save and close all files and applications.
2. **Create a power plan** for discharging the battery and set all the options to **Never**.

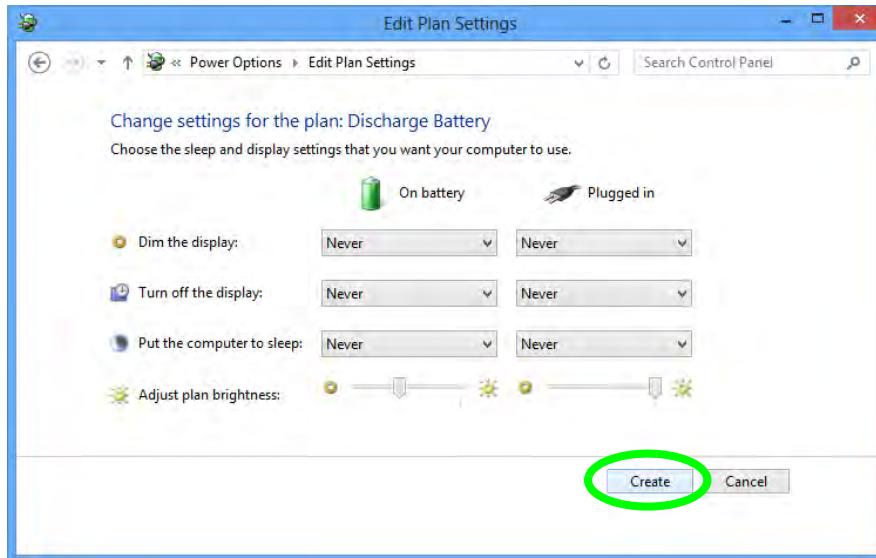


Figure 3 - 11
Power Plan Create

Power Management

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3. Click **Change plan settings** (after creating it) and click **Change plan settings > Change advanced power settings**.

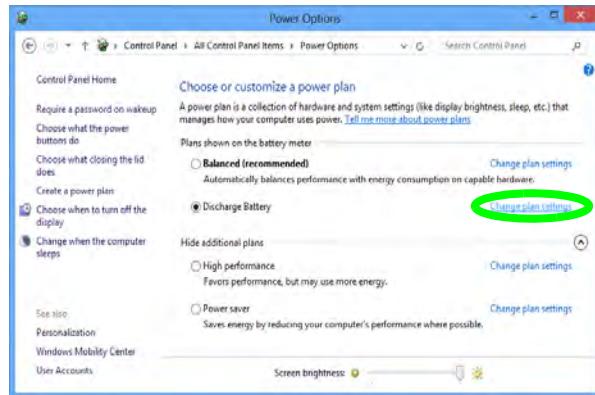
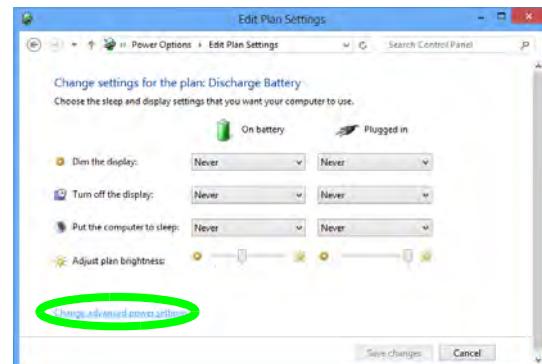
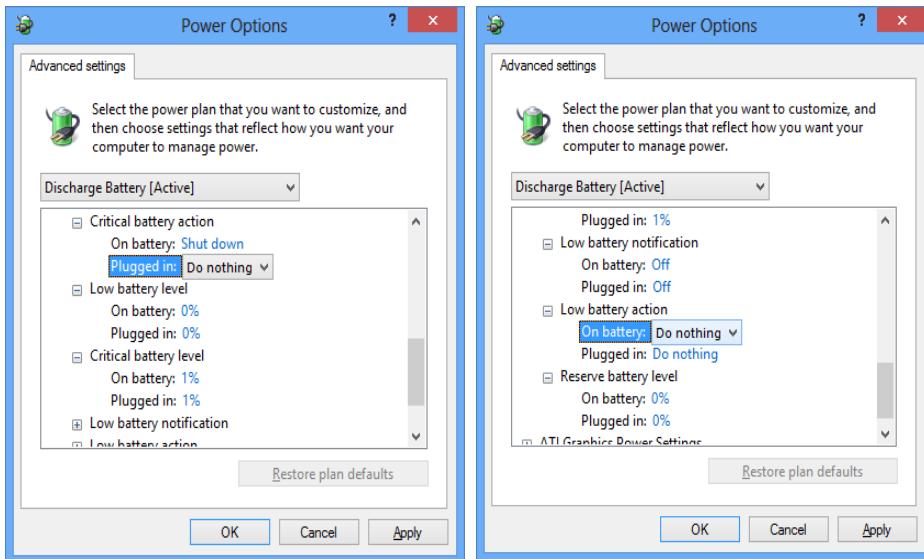


Figure 3 - 12
Change Plan
Settings / Change
Advanced Power
Settings



4. Scroll down to **Battery** and click **+** to expand the battery options.
5. Choose the options below (click **Yes** if a warning appears):



- Low battery levels = 0%
- Critical battery Levels = 1%
- Low battery action = Do Nothing
- Critical battery action (On battery) = Shut Down
- Critical battery action (Plugged in) = Do Nothing

*Figure 3 - 13
Power Options
Advanced Settings -
Battery*

How do I fully charge the battery?

When charging the battery, don't stop until the LED charging indicator light changes from orange to green.

How do I maintain the battery?

Completely discharge and charge the battery at least once every 30 days or after about 20 partial discharges.

Chapter 4: Drivers & Utilities

This chapter deals with installing the drivers and utilities essential to the operation or improvement of some of the computer's subsystems. The system takes advantage of some newer hardware components for which the latest versions of most available operating systems haven't built in drivers and utilities. Thus, some of the system components won't be auto-configured with an appropriate driver or utility during operating system installation. Instead, you need to manually install some system-required drivers and utilities.

What to Install

The **Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual** disc contains the drivers and utilities necessary for the proper operation of the computer. **Table 4 - 1, on page 4 - 3** lists what you need to install and **it is very important that the drivers are installed in the order indicated**.

Module Driver Installation

The procedures for installing drivers for the **Wireless LAN, Bluetooth & WLAN Combo, Intel Technology** and **Sound Blaster Cinema** modules are provided in **"Modules" on page 7 - 1**.



Driver Installation & Power

When installing drivers make sure your computer is powered by the AC/DC adapter connected to a working power source. Some drivers draw a significant amount of power during the installation procedure, and if the remaining battery capacity is not adequate this may cause the system to shut down and cause system problems (note that there is no safety issue involved here, and the battery will be rechargeable within 1 minute).

Driver Installation

1. Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the computer's DVD drive.
2. Click the message **“Tap to choose what happens with this disc.”**
3. Click **Run autorun.exe**.
4. Click **Install Drivers** (button), or **Option Drivers** (button) to access the **Optional** driver menu.



Figure 4 - 1 - Drivers Installer Screen 1

5. Check the driver installation order from **Table 4 - 1, on page 4 - 3** (the drivers must be installed in this order) which is the same as that listed in the *Drivers Installer* menu below.
6. Click to select the driver you wish to install, (you should note down the drivers as you install them).
7. Follow the instructions for each individual driver installation procedure as listed on the following pages.



Figure 4 - 2 - Install Drivers

Win 8 System Driver	Page #	Optional	Page #
Chipset	Page 4 - 6	Setting Up SATA RAID or AHCI Mode	Page 7 - 2
Video (VGA)	Page 4 - 6	PC Camera Module (Not required for <i>Windows 8</i>)	Page 7 - 12
NVIDIA Video (VGA)	Page 4 - 6	Wireless LAN Module	Page 7 - 19
LAN	Page 4 - 6	Fingerprint Reader Module	Page 7 - 27
Card Reader	Page 4 - 6	Bluetooth & WLAN Combo Module	Page 7 - 39
TouchPad	Page 4 - 6	Intel® Rapid Storage Technology (required for hard disks in AHCI & RAID modes)	Page 7 - 45
Airplane	Page 4 - 7	Intel® Rapid Start Technology Driver	Page 7 - 51
Hot Key	Page 4 - 7	Intel® Wireless Display Application	Page 7 - 59
MEI Driver	Page 4 - 7	Sound Blaster Audio	Page 7 - 64
Audio	Page 4 - 7		

Table 4 - 1 - Driver Installation

Note that you need to install both the WLAN & Bluetooth drivers for the WLAN & Bluetooth Combo modules.
All drivers provided are for the Windows 8 operating system.

Manual Driver Installation

Click **Browse CD/DVD** (button) in the *Drivers Installer* application and browse to the executable file in the appropriate driver folder.

Windows Update

After installing all the drivers make sure you enable **Windows Update** in order to get all the latest security updates etc. (all updates will include the latest **hotfixes** from Microsoft). See “[Windows Update” on page 4 - 8](#) for instructions.

Updating/Reinstalling Individual Drivers

If you wish to update/reinstall individual drivers it may be necessary to uninstall the original driver. To do this go to the **Control Panel** in the *Windows OS* and double-click the **Programs and Features** icon (**Programs > Uninstall a program**). Click to select the driver (if it is not listed see below) and click **Uninstall**, and then follow the on screen prompts (it may be necessary to restart the computer). Reinstall the driver as outlined in this chapter.

If the driver is not listed in the **Programs and Features** menu:

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click **Device Manager (Hardware and Sound > Devices and Printers > Device Manager)**.
3. Double-click the **device** you wish to update/reinstall the driver for (you may need to click “+” to expand the selection).
4. Click **Driver** (tab) and click the **Update Driver** or **Uninstall** button and follow the on screen prompts.

User Account Control

If a **User Account Control** prompt appears as part of the driver installation procedure, click **Continue** or **Allow**, and follow the installation procedure as directed.

Windows Security Message

If you receive a **Windows** security message as part of the driver installation process. Just click “**Install this driver software anyway**” or “**Install**” to continue the installation procedure.

You will receive this message in cases where the driver has been released after the version of **Windows** you are currently using. All the drivers provided will have already received certification for **Windows**.

New Hardware Found

If you see the message “**New Hardware Found**” during the installation procedure (**other than when outlined in the driver install procedure**), click **Cancel** to close the window, and follow the installation procedure.



Driver Installation General Guidelines

The driver installation procedure outlined in this Chapter (and in **Chapter 7 Options & Modules**), are accurate at the time of going to press.

Drivers are always subject to upgrade and revision so the exact procedure for certain drivers may differ slightly. As a general guide follow the default on screen instructions for each driver (e.g. **Next > Next > Finish**) unless you are an advanced user. In many cases a restart is required to install the driver.

Make sure any modules (e.g. WLAN or Bluetooth) are **ON (i.e. the system is not in Airplane Mode)** before installing the appropriate driver.

Driver Installation Procedure

Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual disc* and click **Install Drivers** (button).

Chipset

1. Click **1.Install Chipset Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next > Yes > Next > Next**.
3. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

Video (VGA)

1. Click **2.Install VGA Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next > Yes > Next > Next**.
3. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

NVIDIA Video (VGA)

1. Click **3.Install NVIDIA VGA Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **AGREE AND CONTINUE** (button) to accept the terms of the license agreement.
3. Click **Next**.
4. Click the **Close** button to complete the installation.

Note: After installing the video driver go to the **Display/Display Settings** control panel to adjust the video settings to the highest resolution.

LAN

1. Click **4.Install LAN Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next > Install**.
3. Click **Finish**.

Card Reader

1. Click **5.Install Cardreader Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Finish**.

TouchPad

1. Click **6.Install Touchpad Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next**.
3. Click the button to accept the license, and then click **Next**.
4. Click **Finish > Restart Now** to restart the computer.

Airplane

1. Click **7. Install Airplane Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next**.
3. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

Hot Key

1. Click **8. Install Hotkey AP > Yes**.
2. Click **Next > Next**.
3. Click **Finish > Finish** to restart your computer.

MEI Driver

1. Click **9. Install MEI Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next > Yes > Next**.
3. Click **Finish**.

Audio

1. Click **10. Install Audio Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next**.
3. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

After installing the audio driver the system will not return to the **Drivers Installer** screen. To install any of the optional drivers, eject the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc and then reinsert it (or double-click the disc icon in My Computer), and click **Option Drivers** (button) to access the optional driver menu.

It is recommended that you install the **Sound Blaster Audio** application (see [“Sound Blaster Audio” on page 7 - 64](#)) and **Intel Rapid Storage Technology** driver (see [“Intel® Rapid Storage Technology” on page 7 - 45](#) - required for AHCI & RAID mode).



Windows Update

After installing all the drivers make sure you enable **Windows Update** in order to get all the latest security updates etc. (all updates will include the latest **hotfixes** from Microsoft).

To enable **Windows Update** make sure you are connected to the internet:

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Windows Update** (System and Security/Security).
3. Click **Check for updates** (button).
4. The computer will now check for updates (you need to be connected to the internet).
5. Click **Install now** (button) to begin checking for the updates.
6. Click **Install updates** (button) to install the updates.

Windows Experience Index

After the drivers are installed follow this procedure to ensure an accurate rating from the **Windows Experience Index** (make sure the AC/DC adapter is plugged in):

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Performance Information and Tools (System and Security > System > Windows Experience Index)**.
3. Click **“Rate this computer/Refresh Now/Run the assessment”**.
4. The computer will take a few minutes to assess the system performance.
5. Close the control panel.

Optional Drivers

See the pages indicated in *Table 4 - 1, on page 4 - 3* for the driver installation procedures for any modules included in your purchase option.



Figure 4 - 3 - Optional Drivers Installer Screen

Note that you need to install both the WLAN & Bluetooth drivers for the WLAN & Bluetooth Combo modules.

Drivers & Utilities

Chapter 5: BIOS Utilities

Overview

This chapter gives a brief introduction to the computer's built-in software:

Diagnostics: The **POST** (Power-On Self Test)

Configuration: The *Setup* utility

If your computer has never been set up, or you are making important changes to the system (e.g. hard disk setup), then you should review this chapter first and note the original settings found in *Setup*. Even if you are a beginner, keep a record of the settings you find and any changes you make. This information could be useful if your system ever needs servicing.

There is one general rule: *Don't make any changes unless you are sure of what you are doing*. Many of the settings are required by the system, and changing them could cause it to become unstable or worse. If you have any doubts, consult your service representative.



BIOS Screens

Note that the BIOS screens pictured on these pages are intended for guidance in setting up your system's BIOS.

BIOS versions are subject to constant change and revision, therefore your computer's actual screens may appear slightly different from those pictured on these pages.



BIOS Settings Warning

Incorrect settings can cause your system to malfunction. To correct mistakes, return to *Setup* and restore the *Previous Values* with <F2>, or *Optimized Defaults* with <F3>.

UEFI Boot & POST

When UEFI Boot is enabled, then the prompts to **press F2 or F7 will not appear**. However you can still press F2 to enter the setup, or F7 to choose the preferred boot device, if you press the key immediately the system boots up.

The Power-On Self Test (POST)

If you enable the **Boot-time Diagnostic Screen** in the Setup Utility, each time you turn on the computer the system takes a few seconds to conduct a **POST**, including a quick test of the on-board RAM (memory).

As the **POST** proceeds, the computer will tell you if there is anything wrong. If there is a problem that prevents the system from booting, it will display a system summary and prompt you to run *Setup*.

If there are no problems, the *Setup* prompt will disappear and the system will load the operating system. Once that starts, you can't get into *Setup* without rebooting.

Failing the POST

Errors can be detected during the **POST**. There are two categories, “fatal” and “non-fatal”.

Fatal Errors

These stop the boot process and usually indicate there is something seriously wrong with your system. Take the computer to your service representative or authorized distributor/supplier as soon as possible.

Non-Fatal Errors

This kind of error still allows you to boot. You will get a message identifying the problem (make a note of this message!) and you can then press **F7** (the **F7** on screen will be highlighted to illustrate that the system is processing the request) for boot options.

Press **F2** (give the system a few seconds to enter **Setup**; the **F2** on screen will be highlighted to illustrate that the system is processing the request) to run the **Setup** program and try to correct the problem. If you still get an error message after you change the setting, or if the “cure” seems even worse, call for help.



BIOS Settings Warning

Incorrect settings can cause your system to malfunction. To correct mistakes, return to *Setup* and restore the *Previous Values* with **<F2>**, or *Optimized Defaults* with **<F3>**.

The Setup Utility

The **Aptio Setup Utility** tells the system how to configure itself and manage basic features and subsystems (e.g. port configuration).

Entering Setup

To enter *Setup*, turn on the computer and press **F2** (give the system a few seconds to enter *Setup*; the **F2** on screen will be highlighted to illustrate that the system is processing the request) during the **POST** (or press **F7** for boot options). If you get a “Keyboard Error”, (usually because you pressed **F2** too quickly) just press **F2** again.

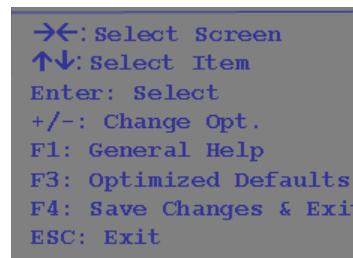
If the computer is already on, reboot using the **Ctrl + Alt + Delete** combination and then hold down **F2** when prompted. The *Setup* main menu will appear.

To see the boot options press **F7**.

Setup Screens

The following pages contain additional advice on portions of the *Setup*. Along the top of the screen is a menu bar with menu headings. When you select a heading, a new screen appears. Scroll through the features listed on each screen to make changes to *Setup*.

Instructions on how to navigate each screen are in the box at the bottom right side of the screen.



If these tools are confusing, press **F1** to call up a **General Help** screen, and then use the arrow keys to scroll up or down the page.

The **Item Specific Help** on the upper right side of each screen explains the highlighted item and has useful messages about its options.

If you see an arrow ► next to an item, press **Enter** to go to a sub-menu on that subject. The sub-menu screen that appears has a similar layout, but the **Enter** key may execute a command.



Setup Menus

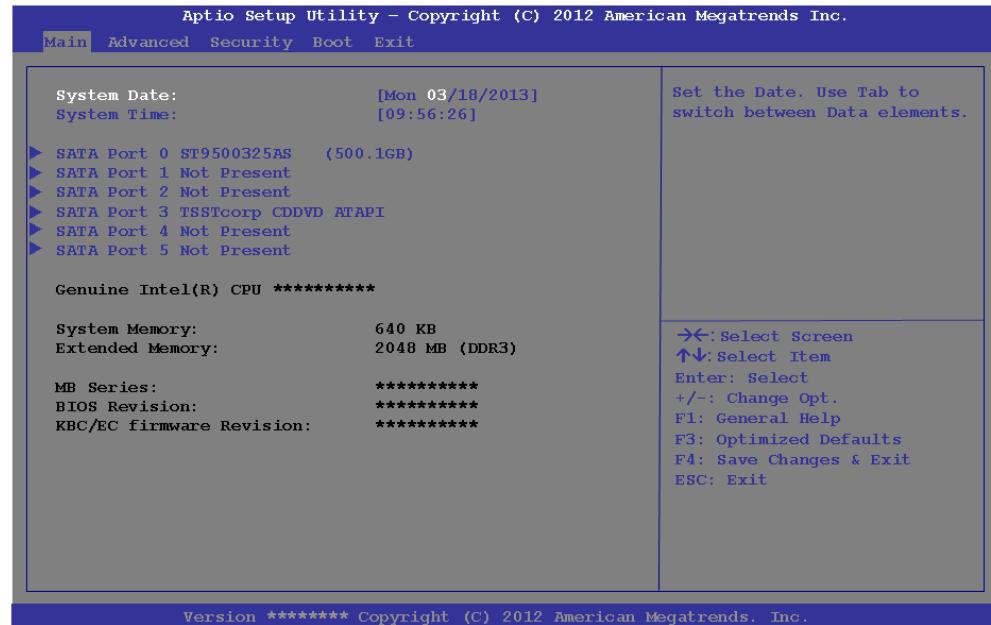
The **Setup** menus shown in this section are for **reference** only. Your computer's menus will indicate the configuration appropriate for your model and options.

Figure 5 - 1
Navigation Menu

Main Menu

Figure 5 - 2
Main Menu

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System Time & Date (Main Menu)

The hour setting uses the 24-hour system (i.e., 00 = midnight; 13 = 1 pm). If you can change the date and time settings in your operating system, you will also change these settings. Some applications may also alter data files to reflect these changes.

SATA Port # (Main Menu)

Pressing **Enter** opens the sub-menu to show the configuration of a optical Device/HDD on the computer's SATA Ports.

System/Extended Memory (Main Menu)

This item contains information on the system memory, and is not user configurable. The system will auto detect the amount of memory installed.

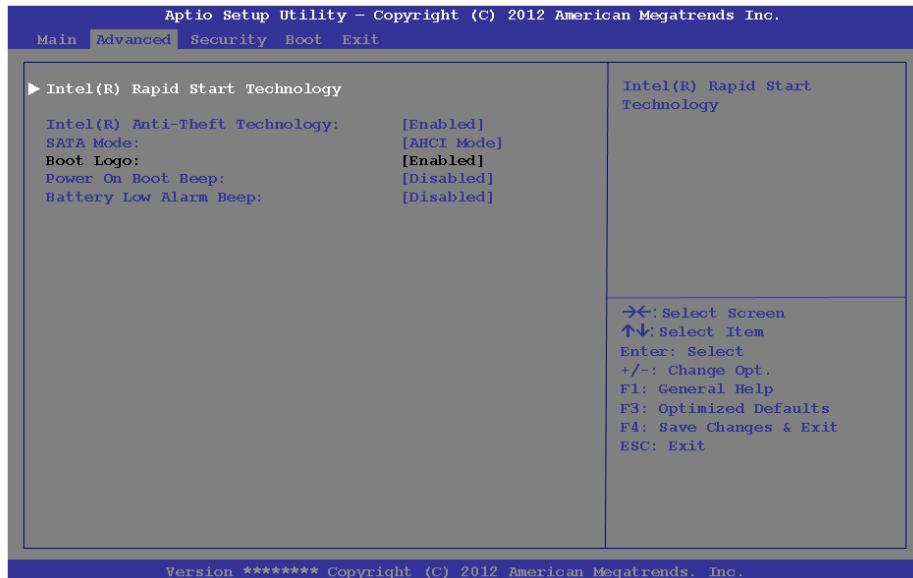
MB Series / BIOS Revision / KBC/EC firmware Revision (Main Menu)

This item contains information on the BIOS version and is not user configurable.

Advanced Menu

Figure 5 - 3
Advanced Menu

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Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology (Advanced Menu)

Enable/disable **Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology** from this menu. The rapid start hibernation mode can resume power within 5 to 6 seconds and can remember your computer's state with zero power.

Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology (Advanced Menu)

Enable/disable **Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology** from this menu to provide high-performance SATA RAID capabilities for **Windows 8**. Note that this menu item will be available if UEFI Boot is enabled (see “[Boot Menu](#)” on page 5 - 14) and the **SATA Mode** (Advanced Menu) is set to **RAID** (see below).

Intel Anti-Theft Technology (Advanced Menu)

Anti-Theft Technology, which is built-in to the processor of the computer, allows system administrators to render your computer useless to thieves by sending a poison pill encrypted SMS message over a 3G network etc. Administrators can also remotely unlock a recovered computer quickly, or direct the system to send location information (GPS coordinates) back to a central server.

SATA Mode (Advanced Menu)

You can configure SATA (Serial ATA) control to operate in **AHCI** (Advanced Host Controller Interface) or **RAID** (Redundant Array of Independent disks) modes from this menu. The **SATA Mode** should be set **BEFORE installing an operating system**, and after you have backed up all necessary files and data (see sidebar). See “[Setting Up SATA RAID or AHCI Mode](#)” on page 7 - 2 for details. Make sure you install the **Intel Rapid Storage Technology application** if you have set the SATA Mode to **RAID**, or to **AHCI** “[IRST Driver Installation](#)” on page 7 - 45.



SATA Mode Selection

If you have installed the **Windows** OS with either **AHCI** or **RAID** mode enabled, **DO NOT** disable the set mode (if you wish to disable the set mode you will need to reinstall the **Windows** OS).

Boot Logo (Advanced Menu)

Use this menu item to enable/disable the **Boot Logo** screen at system startup **if you have not enabled UEFI Boot**. If you disable the **Boot Logo** you will not see the **F2 Enter Setup** or **F7 Boot Options** prompts on the screen, however you can still press these keys, while the boot screen is displayed, to perform the Enter Setup or Boot Option functions.

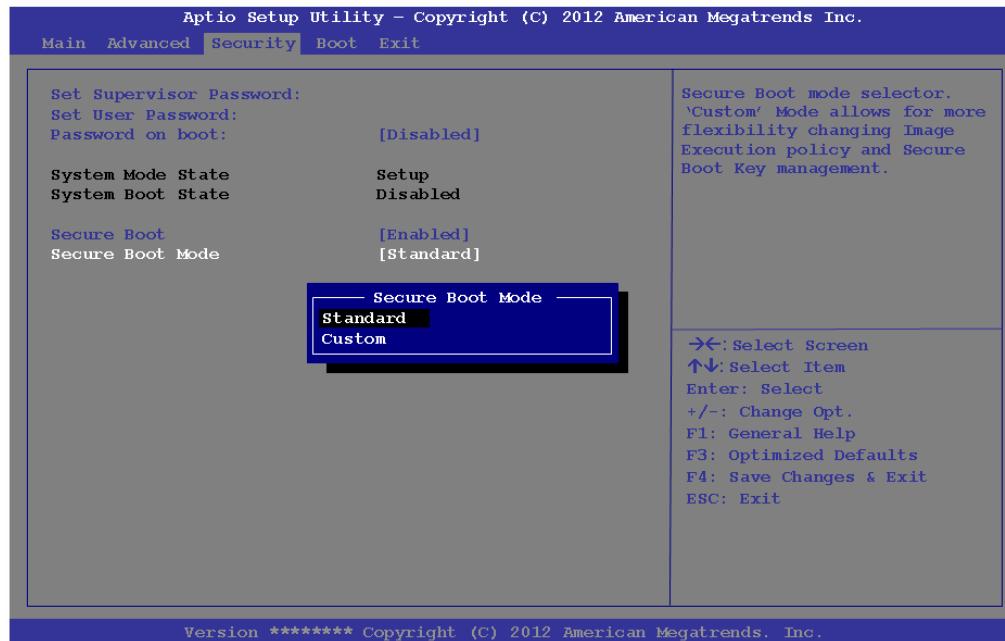
Power On Boot Beep (Advanced Menu)

Use this menu item to enable/disable the beep as the computer starts up.

Battery Low Alarm Beep (Advanced Menu)

Use this menu item to enable/disable the battery low alarm beep.

Security Menu



Security Menu

The changes you make here affect the access to the **Setup** utility itself, and also access to your machine as it boots up after you turn it on. These settings do not affect your machine or network passwords which will be set in your software OS.

Figure 5 - 4
Security Menu

Set Supervisor Password (Security Menu)

You can set a password for access to the **Aptio Setup Utility**. This will not affect access to the computer OS (only the **Aptio Setup Utility**).



Password Warning

If you set a boot password (Password on boot is “Enabled”), **NEVER** forget your password.

The consequences of this could be serious. If you cannot remember your boot password you must contact your vendor and you may lose all of the information on your hard disk.

Note: To clear existing passwords press **Enter** and type the existing password, then press **Enter** for the new password (without typing any password entry) and **Enter** again to confirm the password clearance.

Note: *You can only set the user password after you have set the supervisor password.*

Set User Password (Security Menu)

You can set a password for user mode access to the **Aptio Setup Utility**. This will not affect access to the computer OS, (only the **Setup** utility) unless you choose to set a **Password on Boot** (see below). Many menu items in the **Aptio Setup Utility** cannot be modified in user mode.

Note: *You can only set the user password after you have set the supervisor password.*

Password on boot: (Security Menu)

Specify whether or not a password should be entered to boot the computer (**you may only set a password on boot if a supervisor password is enabled**). If “**Enabled**” is selected, only users who enter a correct password can boot the system (**see the warning in the sidebar**). The default setting is “**Disabled**”.

Secure Boot (Security Menu)

Secure Boot prevents unauthorized operating systems and software from loading during the startup process. **Secure Boot** is available as a menu option if you have enabled **UEFI Boot** (see “[Boot Menu](#)” on page 5 - 14). Enabling Secure Boot will bring up the **Secure Boot Mode** menu to enable you to configure Secure Boot as **Standard** (with a fixed secure boot policy), or **Custom** (which enables you to make changes to the **Image Execution Policy** and **Key Management** database).

Boot Menu

Figure 5 - 5
Boot Menu

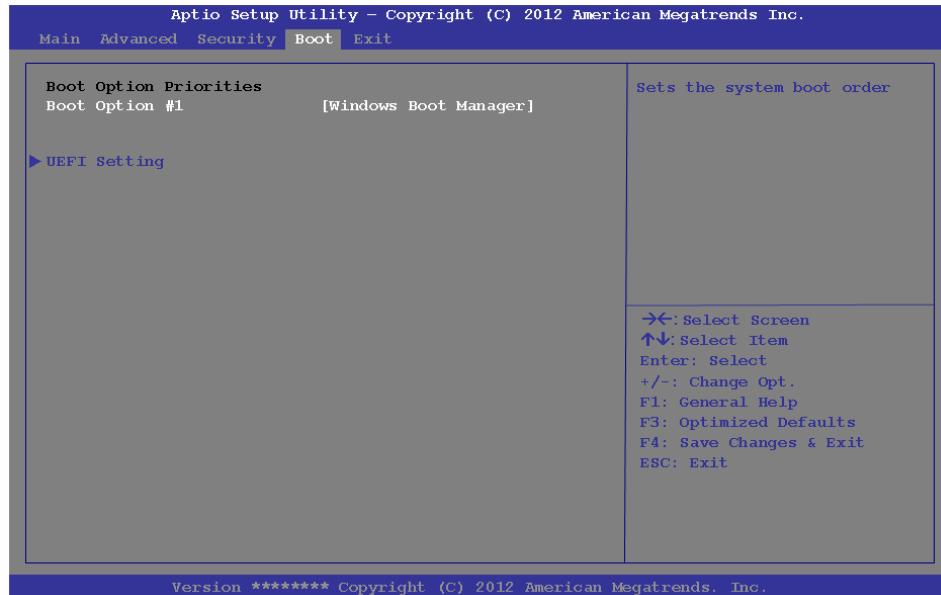
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BIOS Screens

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When you turn the computer on it will look for an operating system (e.g. **Windows 7**) from the devices listed in this menu, and **in this priority order**. If it cannot find the operating system on that device, it will try to load it from the next device in the order specified in the **Boot Option Priorities**.

Boot Option Priorities (Boot Menu)

Press Enter to select the Boot Option # and use the arrow keys to select any device in order to move its boot priority up and down the list (the selected device will be highlighted in white).

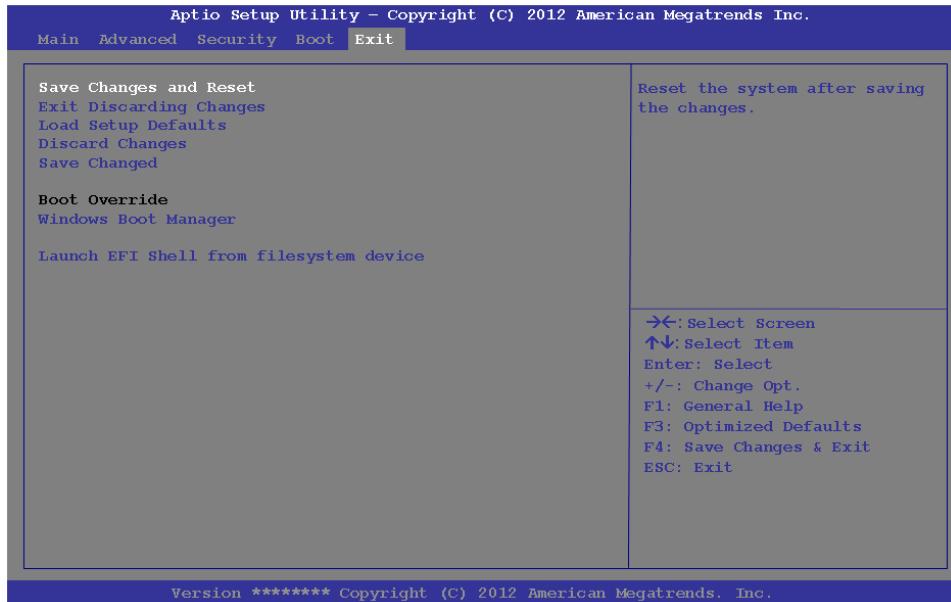
UEFI Boot (Boot Menu)

Enable/disable UEFI Boot from this menu. The Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) specification provides a clean interface between operating systems and platform firmware at boot time. In contrast to BIOS, UEFI defines a set of standard boot and runtime services. The **Network Stack** item will be enabled as an option under UEFI Boot.

Exit Menu

Figure 5 - 6
Exit Menu

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Click ***Save Changes and Reset*** to save all changes made. Choosing to ***Discard Changes***, or ***Exit Discarding Changes***, will wipe out any changes you have made to the ***Setup***. You can also choose to restore the original ***Setup*** defaults that will return the ***Setup*** to its original state, and erase any previous changes you have made in a previous session.

Chapter 6: Upgrading The Computer

Overview

This chapter contains information on upgrading the computer. Follow the steps outlined to make the desired upgrades. If you have any trouble or problems you can contact your service representative for further help. Before you begin you will need:

- A small crosshead or Phillips screwdriver
- A small regular slotted (flathead) screwdriver
- An antistatic wrist strap

Before working with the internal components you will need to wear an antistatic wrist strap to ground yourself because static electricity may damage the components.

The chapter includes:

- Removing the Battery
- Upgrading the Optical Device
- Upgrading the Hard Disk Drive(s)
- Upgrading the System Memory (RAM)

Please make sure that you review each procedure before you perform it.



Warranty Warning

Please check with your service representative before undertaking any upgrade procedures to find out if this will VOID your warranty.



Power Safety Warning

Before you undertake any upgrade procedures, make sure that you have turned off the power, and disconnected all peripherals and cables (including telephone lines and power cord).

You must also remove your battery in order to prevent accidentally turning the machine on. **Before removing the battery disconnect the AC/DC adapter from the computer.**

When Not to Upgrade

These procedures involve opening the system's case, adding and sometimes replacing parts. You should **not** perform any of these upgrades if:

- Your system is still under warranty or a service contract
- You don't have all the necessary equipment
- You're not in the correct environment
- You doubt your abilities

Under any of these conditions, contact your service representative to purchase or replace the component(s).



Removal Warning

When removing any cover(s) and screw(s) for the purposes of device upgrade, remember to replace the cover(s) and screw(s) before restoring power to the system.

Also note the following when the cover is removed:

- Hazardous moving parts.
- Keep away from moving fan blades.

Removing the Battery

If you are confident in undertaking upgrade procedures yourself, for safety reasons it is best to remove the battery. **Before removing the battery disconnect the AC/DC adapter from the computer first.**

The procedure for removing the battery will depend upon your particular computer model. See the pages indicated for the appropriate information:

- *“Removing The Battery from Model A, B & C Computers” on page 6 - 4*
- *“Removing The Battery from Model D & E Computers” on page 6 - 5*



Warranty Warning

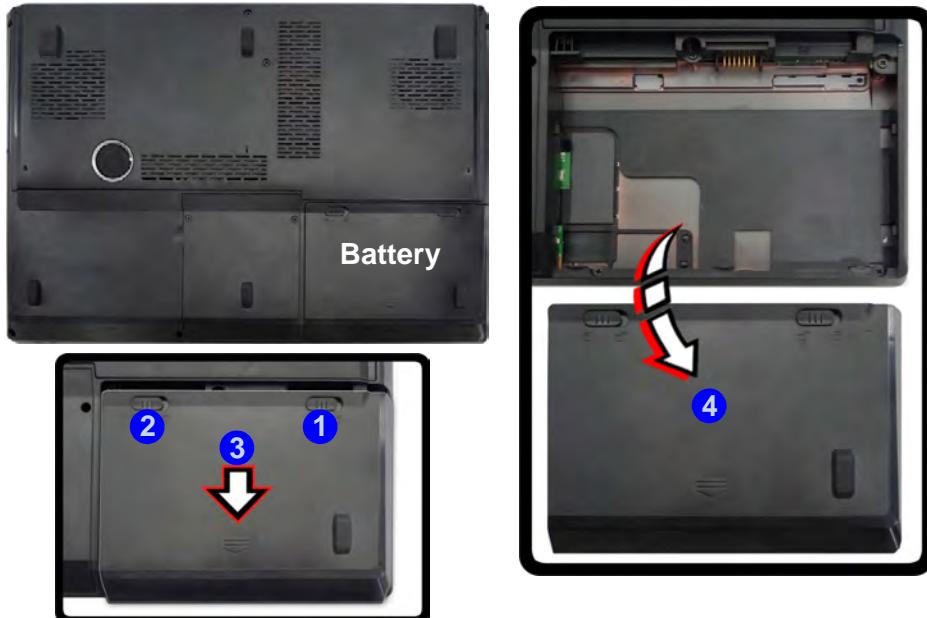
Please check with your service representative before undertaking any upgrade procedures to find out if this will VOID your warranty.

Removing The Battery from Model A, B & C Computers

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter and turn it over.
2. Slide the latch **1** in the direction of the arrow.
3. Slide the latch **2** in the direction of the arrow, and hold it in place.
4. Slide the battery in the direction of the arrow **3**.
5. Lift the battery out of the compartment **4**.

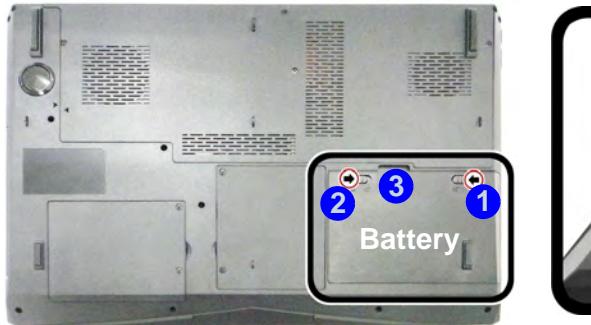
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Figure 6 - 1
Removing the
Battery
Models A, B & C



Removing The Battery from Model D & E Computers

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter and turn the computer over.
2. Slide the latch **1** in the direction of the arrow.
3. Slide the latch **2** in the direction of the arrow, and hold it in place.
4. Lever the battery up at point **3**.
5. Lift the battery out of the compartment **4**.



Note that though only **Model E** is pictured, the battery removal procedure is identical for both (D & E) computer models.

*Figure 6 - 2
Removing the
Battery
Models D & E*

Upgrading the Optical Device

Note the appropriate page for instructions on removing the optical device for your particular model.

- “*Upgrading the Optical Device (Models A/C)*” on page 6 - 7
- “*Upgrading the Optical Device (Model B)*” on page 6 - 8
- “*Upgrading the Optical Device (Models D & E)*” on page 6 - 9

Secondary Hard Disk Module (Models A & C)

Model A & C computers also feature a secondary hard disk module which is interchangeable the optical CD/DVD device. Remove the optical device as instructed here and replace it with the HDD module. If you need to remove the HDD from the module caddy see page **6 - 17**.

Upgrading the Optical Device (Models A/C)

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Locate the hard disk bay cover and remove screws **1** & **2**.
3. Lever up the HDD bay cover at point **3**, and then remove the cover **4**.
4. Remove the screw at point **4**, and use a screwdriver to carefully push out the optical device at point **5**.
5. Reverse the process to install any new optical (CD/DVD) device.

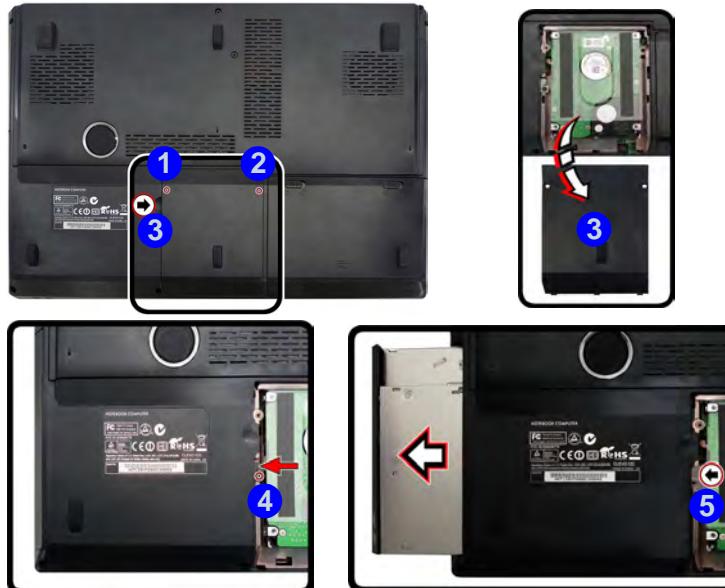


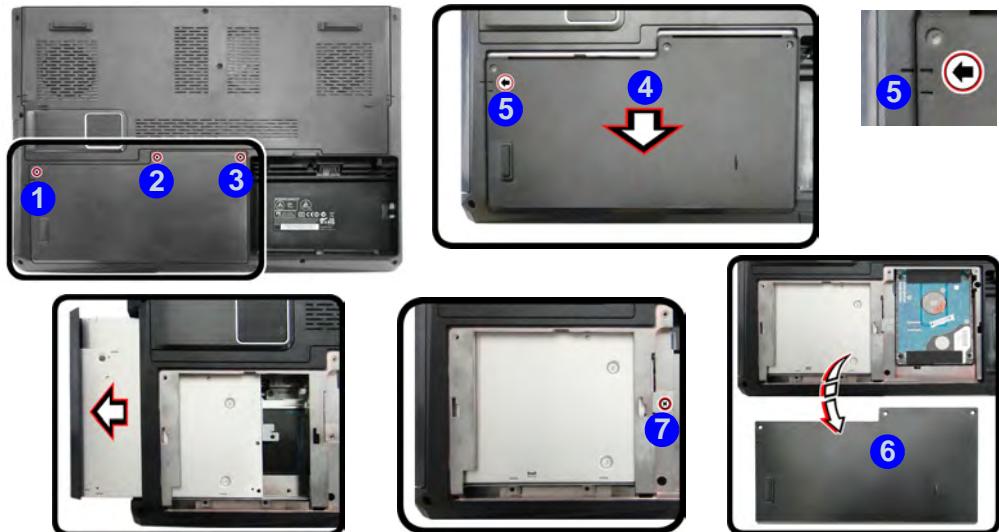
Figure 6 - 3
Removing the
Optical (CD/DVD)
Device
Models A/C

Upgrading the Optical Device (Model B)

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Locate the HDD/ODD bay cover and remove screws 1 - 3.
3. Slide the cover in the direction of arrow 4, until the case markers 5 line up.
4. Remove the HDD/ODD bay cover 6.
5. Remove the screw at point 7, and use a screwdriver to carefully push out the optical device.
6. Reverse the process to install any new optical (CD/DVD) device (make sure you slide on the cover and align the markers when replacing the HDD/ODD bay cover).

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Figure 6 - 4
Removing the
Optical (CD/DVD)
Device
Model B



Upgrading the Optical Device (Models D & E)

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Locate the **secondary** hard disk bay cover and remove screws **1** & **2**.
3. Remove the hard disk bay cover.
4. Remove the screw at point **3**, and use a screwdriver to carefully push out the optical device out of the bay.
5. Reverse the process to install any new optical (CD/DVD) device.

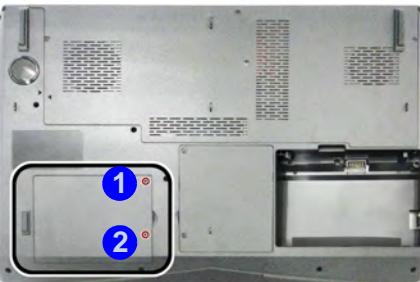


Figure 6 - 5
Removing the
Optical (CD/DVD)
Device
Models D & E

Note that though only **Model E** is pictured, the cover removal procedure is identical for all both models.



HDD System Warning

New HDD's are blank. Before you begin make sure: You have backed up any data you want to keep from your old HDD.

You have all the CD-ROMs and FDDs required to install your operating system and programs.

If you have access to the internet, download the latest application and hardware driver updates for the operating system you plan to install. Copy these to a removable medium.

Follow your operating system's installation instructions, and install all necessary drivers and utilities (see "[Drivers & Utilities](#)" on page 4 - 1), when setting up a new hard disk.

Upgrading the Hard Disk Drive(s)

The hard disk Drive(s) can be taken out to accommodate other 2.5" serial (SATA) hard disk drives with a height of 9.5mm (h) (see "["Storage" on page D - 3](#)").

Primary Hard Disk Drive Removal

Note the appropriate page for instructions on removing the HDD for your particular model. You will need to remove the **Primary HDD bay cover** as below:

- ["Removing the Cover from the Primary HDD Bay \(Models A & C\)" on page 6 - 11](#)
- ["Removing the Cover from the HDD/ODD Bay \(Model B\)" on page 6 - 12](#)
- ["Removing the Cover from the Primary HDD Bay \(Models D & E\)" on page 6 - 13](#)

See the instructions below for removing the hard disk assembly:

- ["Removing the Primary HDD Assembly" on page 6 - 14](#)

Secondary Hard Disk Drive Removal

Model A & C computers feature a secondary hard disk module which is interchangeable the optical CD/DVD device. Remove the optical device as instructed on the previous pages and replace it with the HDD module (see "["Removing the Hard Disk from the Caddy HDD Bay \(Models A & C\)" on page 6 - 17](#)").

Model B, D & E computers feature a **secondary** hard disk bay (you may have a second hard disk installed as part of a RAID) located under the optical device drive (see "["Removing the Hard Disk from the Secondary HDD Bay \(Model B\)" on page 6 - 18](#) or "["Removing the Hard Disk from the Secondary HDD Bay \(Models D & E\)" on page 6 - 21](#)").

Removing the Cover from the Primary HDD Bay (Models A & C)

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Locate the hard disk bay cover and remove screws **1** & **2**.
3. Remove the hard disk bay cover **3** by levering the cover at point **4**.

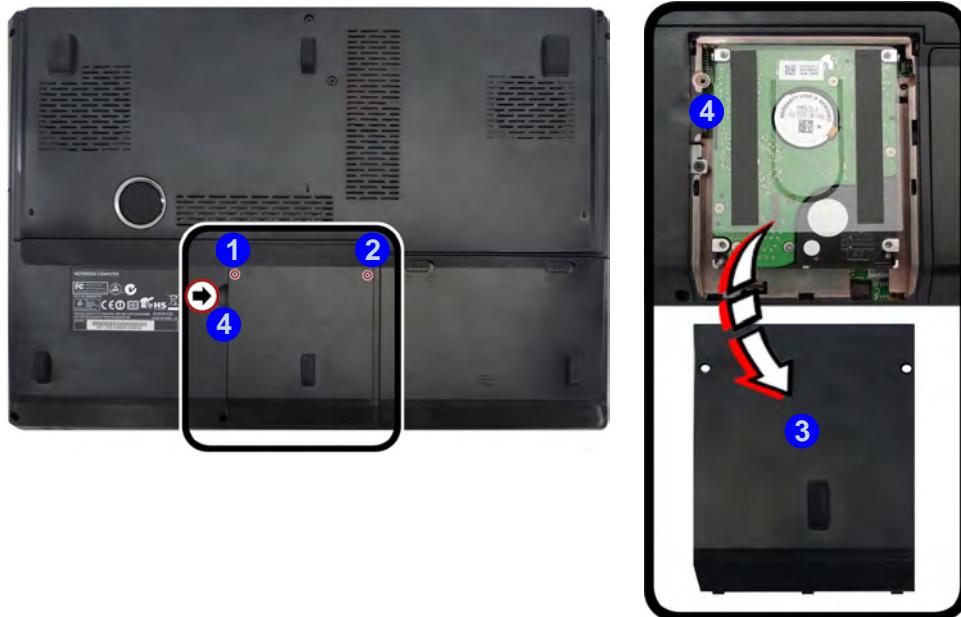


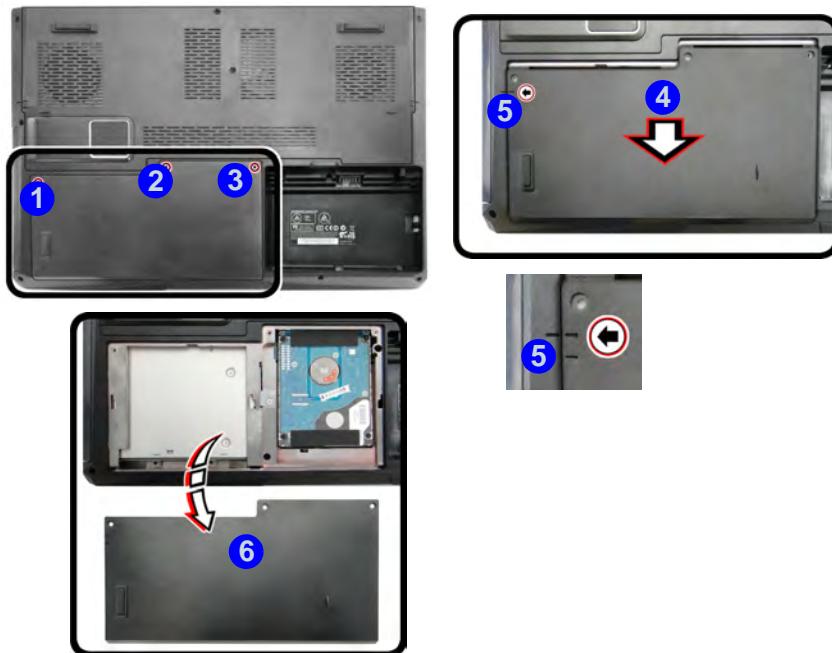
Figure 6 - 6
HDD Bay Cover
Screws & Cover
Removal
Models A & C

Removing the Cover from the HDD/ODD Bay (Model B)

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Locate the HDD/ODD bay cover and remove screws **1** - **3**.
3. Slide the cover in the direction of arrow **4**, until the case markers **5** line up.
4. Remove the HDD/ODD bay cover **6**

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Figure 6 - 7
HDD/ODD Bay
Cover Screws &
Cover Removal
Model B



Removing the Cover from the Primary HDD Bay (Models D & E)

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Locate the hard disk bay cover and remove screws **1** & **2**.
3. Remove the hard disk bay cover **3** by levering the cover at point **4**.

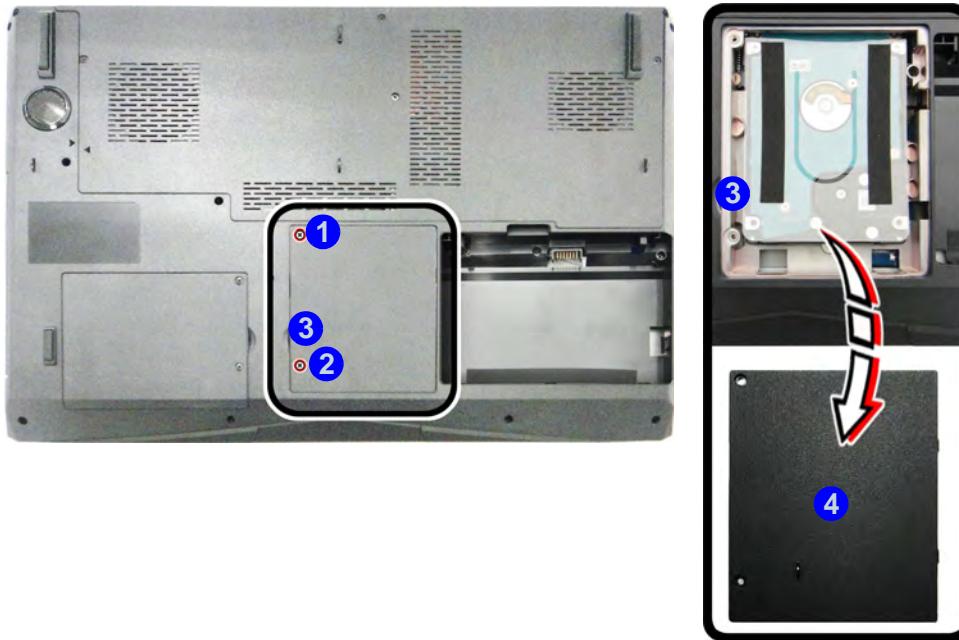


Figure 6 - 8
HDD Bay Cover
Screws & Cover
Removal
Models D & E



RAID Hard Disks

All hard disks in a RAID should be identical (the same size and brand) in order to prevent unexpected system behavior.

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Hard Disk Handling

Do not press down on the center off the hard disk as this area houses the hard disk drive motor.

Removing the Primary HDD Assembly

1. When the cover is removed, follow the instructions below to remove the HDD assembly.
2. Slide the HDD assembly in the direction of arrow 1.
3. Remove the hard disk assembly 2.

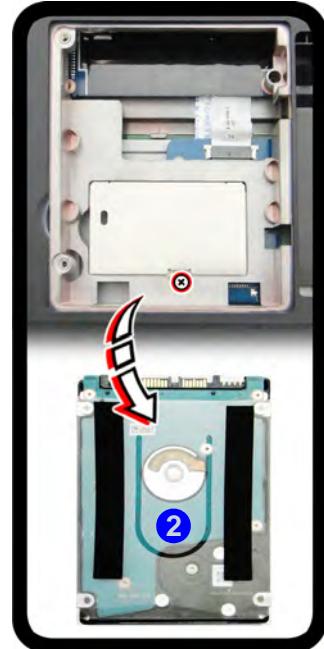
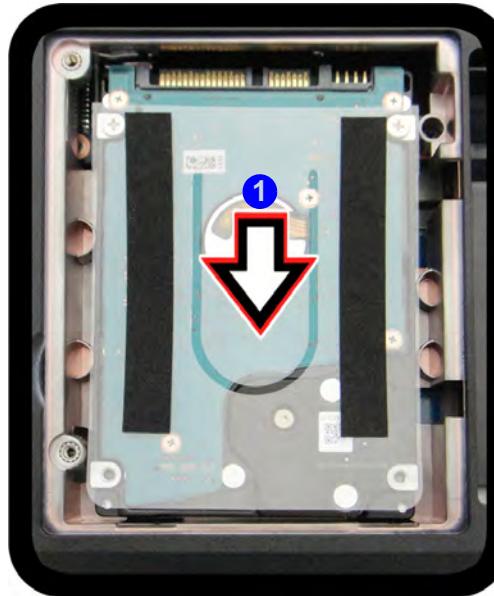


Figure 6 - 9
Hard Disk Assembly Removal

4. Remove screws **3** & **4** and the insulation plate **5**.
5. Reverse the process to install a new disk (see over) and do not forget to install the insulation plate.

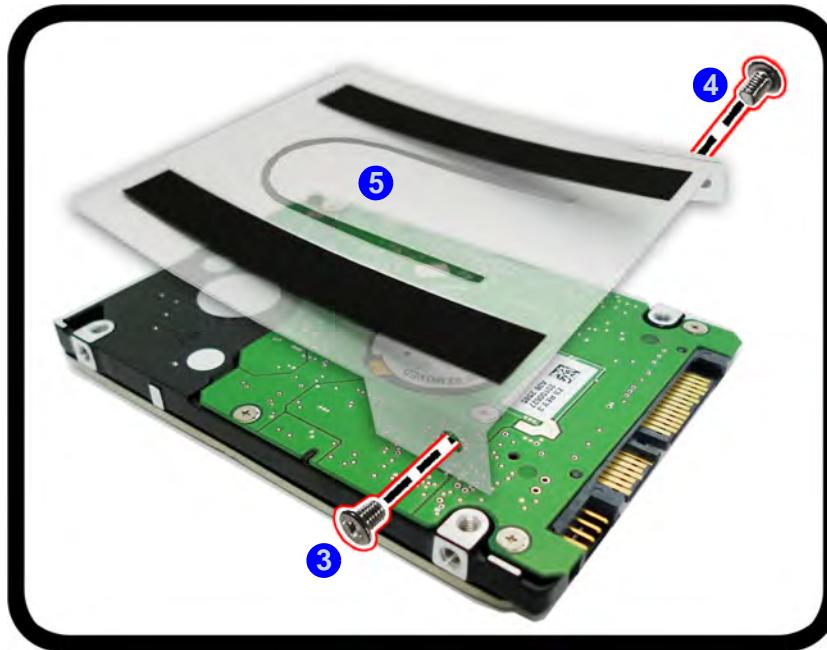
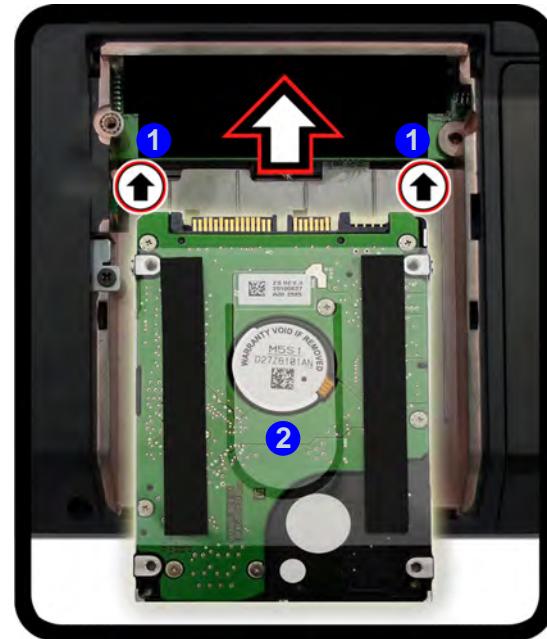


Figure 6 - 10
Hard Disk Insulation
Plate Removal

Inserting the Hard Disk Into the Primary HDD Bay

1. Make sure the HDD assembly is aligned with the black taped area 1.
2. When aligned, carefully insert the HDD assembly 2 into the case so that the connectors line up.
3. Replace the hard disk bay covers and screws.



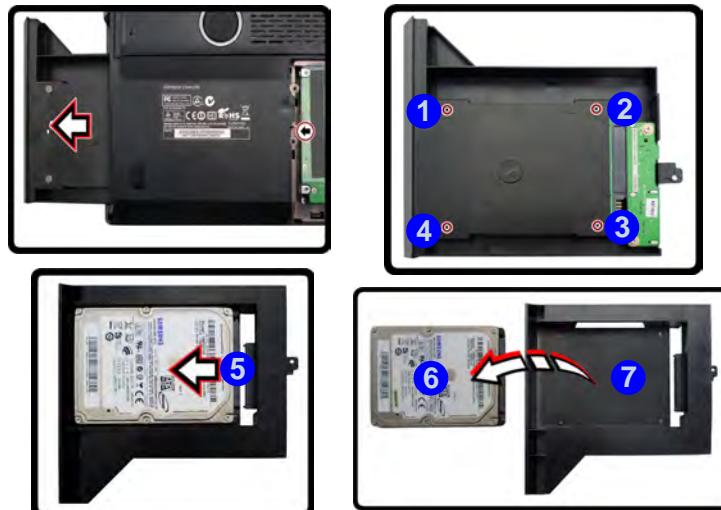
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Figure 6 - 11
Primary HDD
Assembly Insertion

Removing the Hard Disk from the Caddy HDD Bay (Models A & C)

Note that the **secondary** hard disk module is used to replace the optical device module (CD/DVD) in **Models A & C** computers.

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Remove the optical device (see page **6 - 7** or page **6 - 8**).
3. Remove screws **1** - **4** from the rear of the secondary HDD module assembly.
4. Slide the HDD in the direction of arrow **5**.
5. Remove the HDD **6** from the module caddy **7**.
6. Reverse the process to install a new hard disk.



*Figure 6 - 12
Removing the
Secondary HDD
from the Module
Caddy
(Models A & C)*



RAID Hard Disks

All hard disks in a RAID should be identical (the same size and brand) in order to prevent unexpected system behavior.

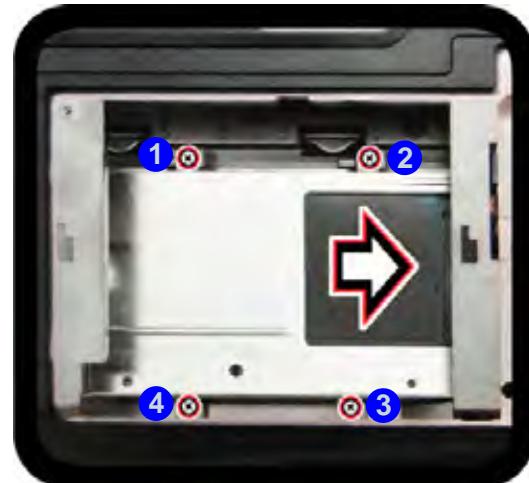
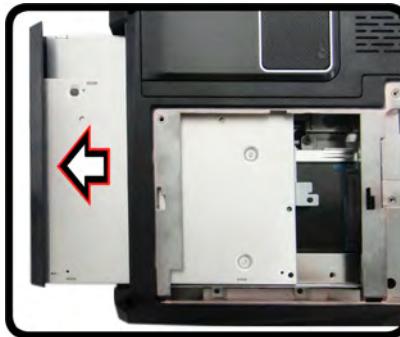
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Figure 6 - 13
Secondary HDD Assembly Screws (Model B)

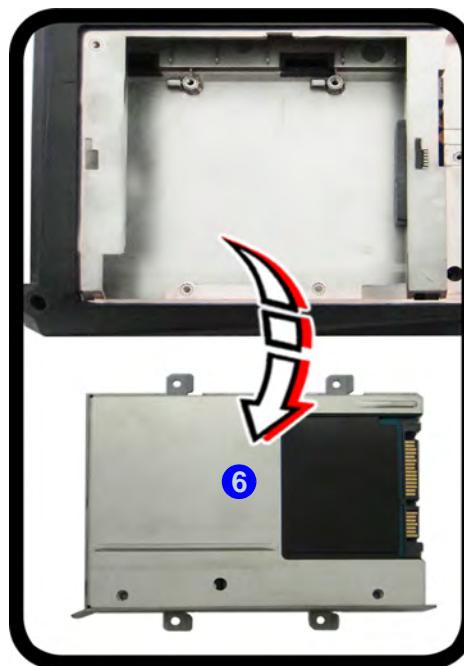
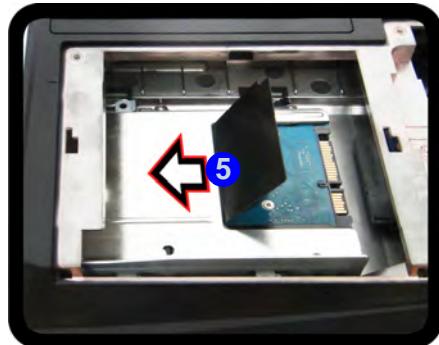
Removing the Hard Disk from the Secondary HDD Bay (Model B)

Note that the **secondary** hard disk (Model B if installed) is located under the optical device bay (CD/DVD).

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Remove the optical device (see "[Upgrading the Optical Device \(Model B\)](#)" on [page 6 - 8](#))
3. When the optical device is removed the secondary HDD assembly will be visible.
4. Remove screws ① - ④ from the secondary HDD assembly.

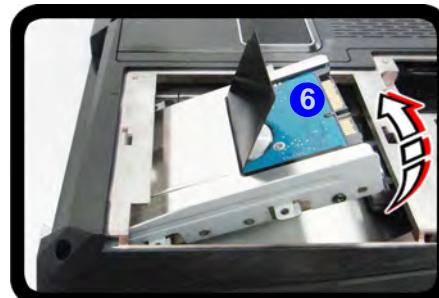


5. Slide the secondary HDD assembly in the direction of the arrow 5 (it will not move fully out of the bay),
6. Lift the secondary HDD assembly 6 up out of the bay (in the reverse direction to arrow 5).



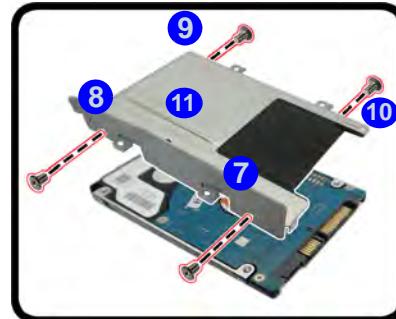
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*Figure 6 - 14
Secondary HDD
Assembly Removal
(Model B)*



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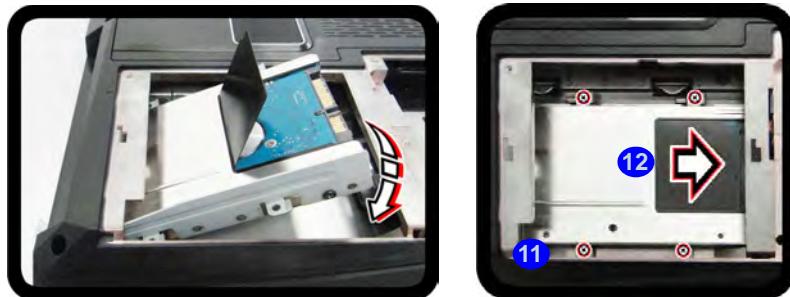
7. Remove screws 7 - 10 and the insulation plate 11.



*Figure 6 - 15
Secondary
Hard Disk Insulation
Plate Removal
(Model B)*

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8. Reverse the process to install a new disk (make sure you install the insulation plate).
9. Slide the HDD assembly into the bay at an angle as illustrated.
10. Make sure the insulation plate slides under the HDD bay guide at point 11.
11. Slide the assembly in the direction of the arrow 12 and secure the assembly with the screws (see *Figure 6 - 17 on page 6 - 21*).



*Figure 6 - 16
Secondary
Hard Disk Assembly
Installation
(Model B)*

Removing the Hard Disk from the Secondary HDD Bay (Models D & E)

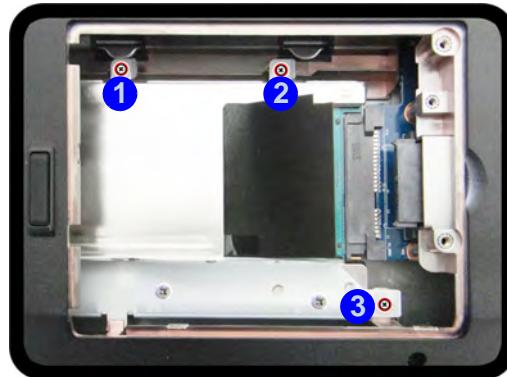
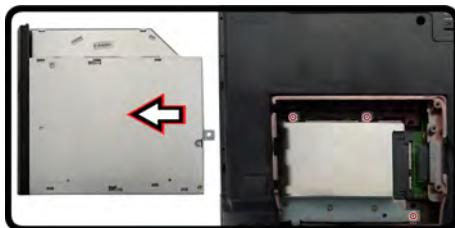
Note that the **secondary** hard disk (Models D & E if installed) is located under the optical device bay (CD/DVD).

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Remove the optical device (see "[Upgrading the Optical Device \(Models D & E\) on page 6 - 9](#))
3. When the optical device is removed the secondary HDD assembly will be visible.
4. Remove screws ① - ③ from the secondary HDD assembly.



RAID Hard Disks

All hard disks in a RAID should be identical (the same size and brand) in order to prevent unexpected system behavior.

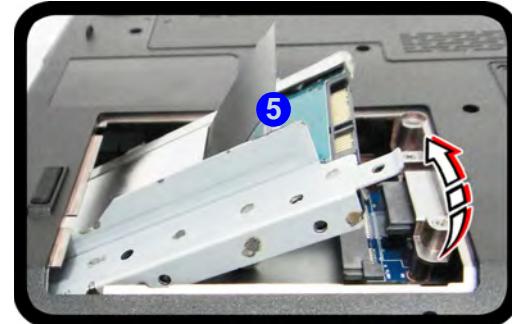
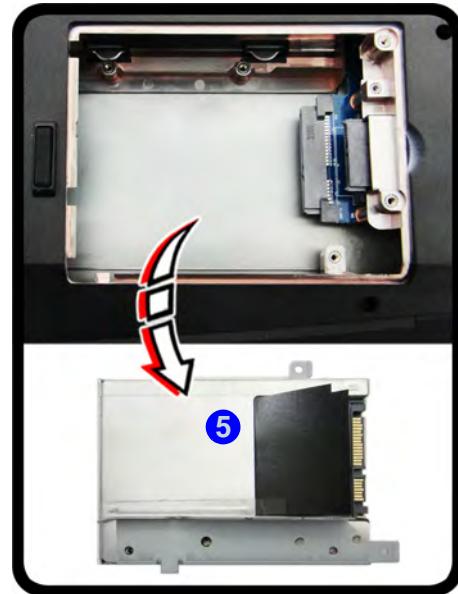
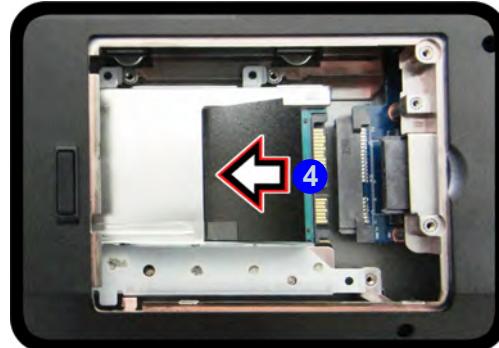


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*Figure 6 - 17
Secondary HDD
Assembly Screws
(Models D & E)*

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5. Slide the secondary HDD assembly in the direction of the arrow 4 (it will not move fully out of the bay),
6. Lift the secondary HDD assembly 5 up out of the bay (in the reverse direction to arrow 4).



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Figure 6 - 18
Secondary HDD
Assembly Removal
(Models D & E)

7. Remove screws 6 - 9 and the insulation plate 10.

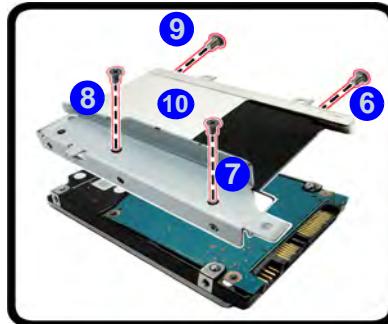


Figure 6 - 19
Secondary
Hard Disk Insulation
Plate Removal
(Models D & E)

8. Reverse the process to install a new disk (make sure you install the insulation plate).
9. Slide the HDD assembly into the bay at an angle as illustrated.
10. Make sure the insulation plate slides under the HDD bay guide at point 11.
11. Slide the assembly in the direction of the arrow 12 and secure the assembly with the screws (see [Figure 6 - 17 on page 6 - 21](#)).



Figure 6 - 20
Secondary
Hard Disk Assembly
Installation
(Models D & E)



Under Keyboard RAM

Note that the RAM located under the keyboard is not user upgradable. Contact your distributor/supplier for more information if you wish to upgrade the memory in the secondary memory sockets.

Upgrading the System Memory (RAM)

The computer has **four** memory sockets for 204 pin Small Outline Dual In-line (SO-DIMM) **DDR III (DDR3)** type memory modules (see “[Memory](#)” on page [D - 2](#)). The total memory size is automatically detected by the POST routine once you turn on your computer.

Two primary memory sockets are located under component bay cover (the bottom case cover), and two secondary memory sockets are located under the keyboard (not user upgradable). If you are installing only two RAM modules then they should be installed in the primary memory sockets under the component bay cover.

Note the appropriate page for instructions on removing the component bay cover for your particular model.

- “[Removing the Component Cover \(Models A & C\)](#)” on page [6 - 25](#)
- “[Removing the Component Cover \(Model B\)](#)” on page [6 - 26](#)
- “[Removing the Component Cover \(Model D\)](#)” on page [6 - 27](#)
- “[Removing the Component Cover \(Model E\)](#)” on page [6 - 28](#)

See the instructions below for removing the system memory:

- “[System Memory \(RAM\) Module Removal](#)” on page [6 - 29](#)

Removing the Component Cover (Models A & C)

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Remove screws ① - ④ from the bottom of the computer.

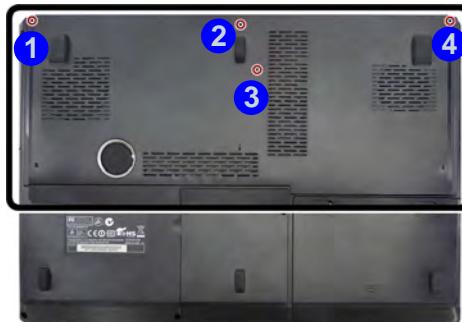


Figure 6 - 21
Component Cover
Screws
Models A & C

3. Slide the component bay cover until the cover and case indicators ⑤ are aligned.
4. Lift the cover ⑥ off the computer.

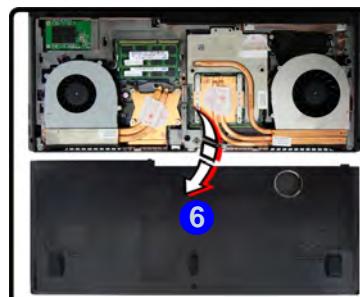


Figure 6 - 22
Component Cover
Move & Removal
Models A & C

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Removing the Component Cover (Model B)

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Remove screws 1 - 4 from the bottom and rear of the computer.



Figure 6 - 23
Component Cover
Screws
Model B

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3. Slide the component bay cover until the cover and case indicators 5 are aligned.
4. Lift the cover 6 off the computer.

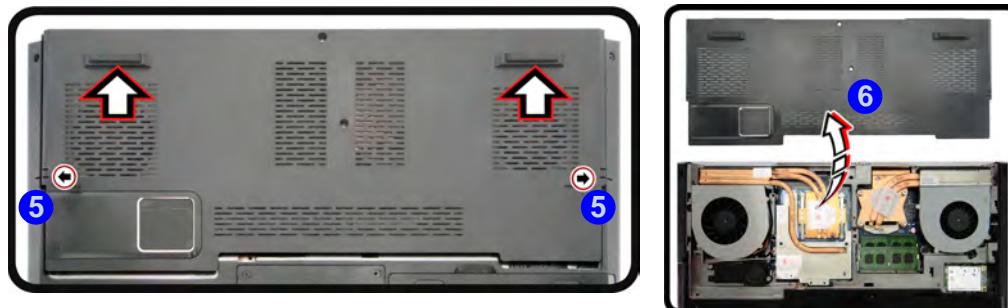


Figure 6 - 24
Component Cover
Move & Removal
Model B

Removing the Component Cover (Model D)

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Remove screws **1** - **4** from the bottom of the computer.

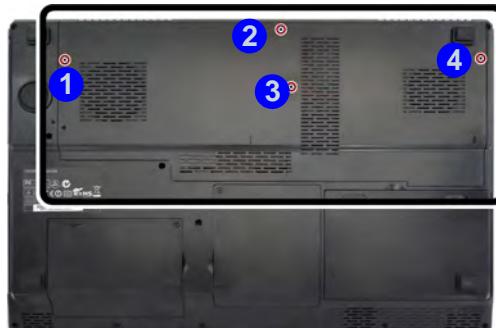


Figure 6 - 25
Component Cover
Screws
Model D

3. Slide the component bay cover until the cover and case indicators **5** are aligned.
4. Lift the cover **6** off the computer.

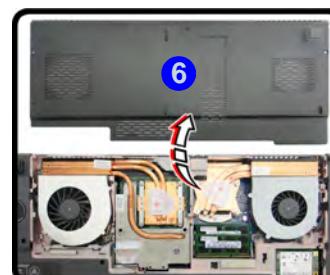
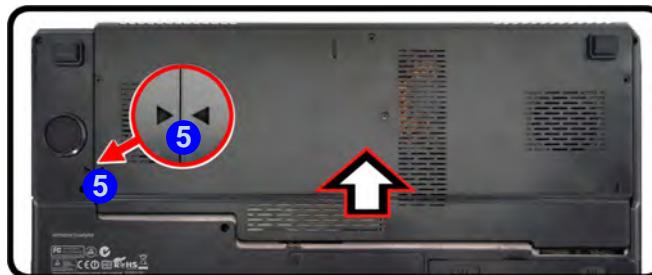


Figure 6 - 26
Component Cover
Move & Removal
Model D

Upgrading The Computer

Removing the Component Cover (Model E)

1. Turn the computer off, remove the AC/DC adapter (and battery) and turn the computer over.
2. Remove screws 1 - 6 from the bottom and rear of the computer.

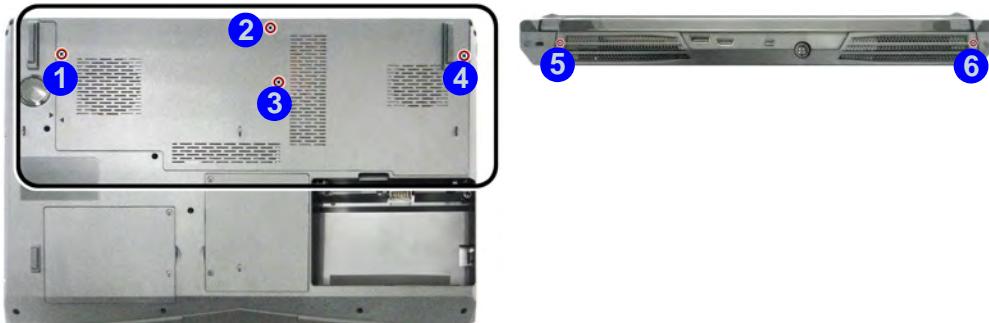
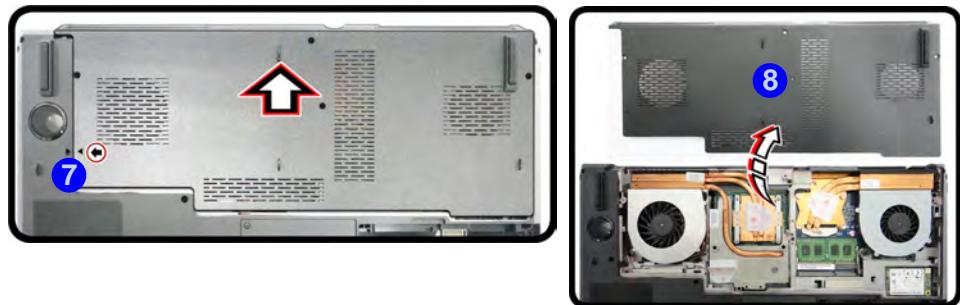


Figure 6 - 27
Component Cover
Screws
Model E

3. Slide the component bay cover until the cover and case indicators 7 are aligned.
4. Lift the cover 8 off the computer.



System Memory (RAM) Module Removal

1. Gently pull the two release latches (1 & 2) on the sides of the memory sockets) in the direction indicated below.



2. The RAM module will pop-up, and you can remove it.
3. Pull the latches to release the second module if necessary.
4. Insert a new module holding it at about a 30° angle and fit the connectors firmly into the memory socket.
5. The module's pin alignment will allow it to only fit one way. Make sure the module is seated as far into the socket as it will go. DO NOT FORCE the module; it should fit without much pressure.
6. Press the module in and down towards the mainboard until the socket levers click into place to secure the module.
7. Replace the component bay cover (see the preceding pages).



Contact Warning

Be careful not to touch the metal pins on the module's connecting edge. Even the cleanest hands have oils which can attract particles, and degrade the module's performance.

Figure 6 - 29
RAM Module Removal

Replacing the Component Bay Cover

After the RAM has been installed make sure you replace the component bay cover and all screws.

1. Place the component bay cover on the main computer assembly.
2. Align the markers on the cover and main computer assembly (see the appropriate component bay cover removal page for your model).
3. Slide the cover in position to lock it.
4. Replace the appropriate screws (see the appropriate component bay cover removal page for your model).

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*Figure 6 - 30
Replacing the
Component Bay
Cover*



Upgrading the Processor

If you want to upgrade your computer by replacing the existing processor with a faster/new one you will need to contact your customer service representative. We recommend that you do not do this yourself, since if it is done incorrectly you may damage the processor or mainboard.

Chapter 7: Modules

Overview

This chapter contains the information on the various modules (some of which are **optional**) which may come with your computer, depending on the configuration purchased. If you are unsure please contact your service representative.

The chapter includes information on the following:

- Setting Up SATA RAID or AHCI Mode
- PC Camera Module
- Wireless LAN Module
- Fingerprint Reader Module
- Bluetooth & WLAN Combo Module
- Intel® Rapid Storage Technology
- Intel® Rapid Start Technology Driver
- Intel® Wireless Display Application
- Sound Blaster Audio



RAID Hard Disks

All hard disks in a RAID should be identical (the same size and brand) in order to prevent unexpected system behavior.

SATA Mode Selection

The SATA mode selection should be made **before installing your operating system**.

DO NOT change your selected SATA mode unless you intend to re-install your operating system. Make sure you have backed up all your data before doing so.

Setting Up SATA RAID or AHCI Mode

AHCI Mode

Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) is an interface specification that allows the storage driver to enable advanced serial ATA features such as Native Command Queuing (for maximum hard disk efficiency and performance). AHCI mode can be supported by one or two hard disks. Make sure you install the **Intel® Rapid Storage Technology** application if you have set up your hard disk(s) in **AHCI** mode (see “[Intel® Rapid Storage Technology](#)” on page 7 - 45)

RAID

To configure your RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks) system in Striping (RAID 0), Mirroring (RAID 1) or Recovery modes (see [Table 7 - 1, on page 7 - 3](#)) you will require **at least two identical** (see sidebar) hard disks. Note that you will need to install a driver from the **Device Drivers & Utilities + User’s Manual** disc at OS installation (see [page 7 - 4](#)).

Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Application

Make sure you install the **Intel® Rapid Storage Technology** application if you have set up your hard disk(s) in **RAID** mode (see “[Intel® Rapid Storage Technology](#)” on page 7 - 45).

Table 7 - 1
RAID Levels

RAID Level	Description
RAID 0	Identical drives reading and writing data in parallel to increase performance . RAID 0 implements a striped disk array and the data is broken into blocks and each block is written to a separate disk drive.
RAID 1	Identical drives in a mirrored configuration used to protect data . Should a drive that is part of a mirrored array fail, the mirrored drive (which contains identical data) will handle all the data. When a new replacement drive is installed, data to the new drive is rebuilt from the mirrored drive to restore fault tolerance.
Recovery	Two Identical drives copying data between a master and a recovery disk. This provides more control over how data is copied between the master and recovery drives, fast volume updates and the ability to view the data in <i>Windows Explorer</i> .



SATA Mode Selection

The SATA mode selection should be made **before installing your operating system**.

DO NOT change your selected SATA mode unless you intend to reinstall your operating system. Make sure you have backed up all your data before doing so.

RAID Hard Disks

All hard disks in a RAID should be identical (the same size and brand) in order to prevent unexpected system behavior.



Array Types

A **Mirrored Array (RAID 1)** provides full data protection, as data can simply be copied from a healthy disk to a replacement for any failed disk.

A **Striped Array (RAID 0)** is **NOT** fault-tolerant. The failure of one drive will result in the loss of all data in the array. It is designed to increase disk performance by spreading the I/O load across the channels and drives.

SATA RAID Setup Procedure (Windows 8)

To configure your RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks) system in Striping (RAID 0) or Mirroring (RAID 1) modes (see [Table 7 - 1, on page 7 - 3](#)) you will require **at least two identical** (see sidebar) hard disks.

Note that the RAID setup in **Windows 8** differs from that outlined for **Windows 7**. You need to setup a RAID before installing your **Windows 8** operating system, and you will need to prepare the following in order to do so.

1. The **Microsoft Windows 8 OS DVD**.
2. A hard disk installed in the Primary HDD bay.
3. A **second** (identical) hard disk installed in the Secondary HDD bay.
4. The **Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual** disc.
5. A USB flash drive.
6. An operable computer (to copy files from the **Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual** disc to the USB flash drive).

Before setting up the system you will need to copy a driver folder to a USB flash drive or external USB hard disk. This driver folder is included on the **Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual disc** but you will need to go to an operable computer and copy the folder to a USB Flash drive or external USB hard disk.

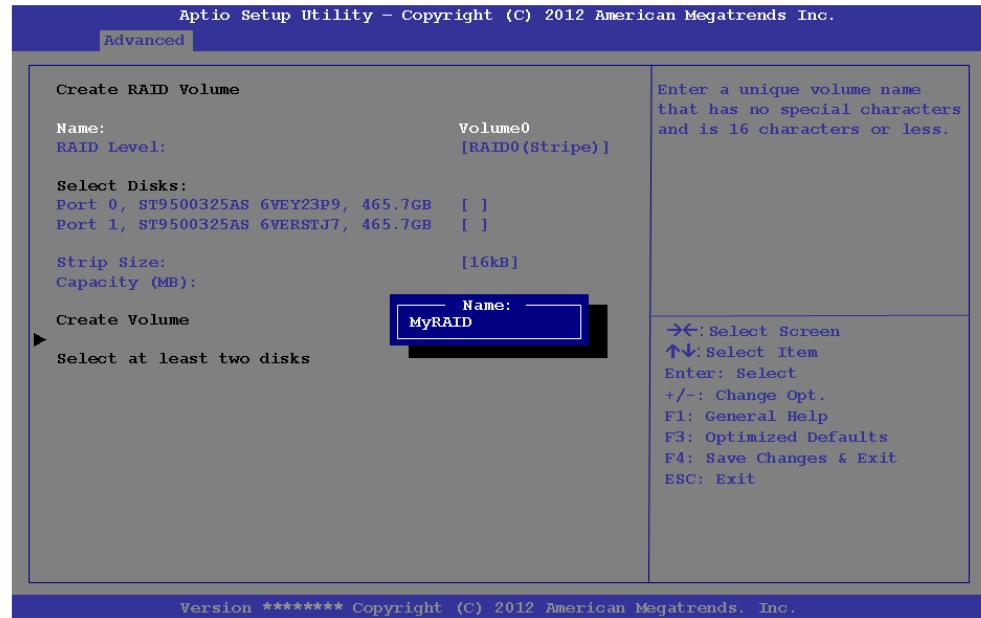
1. Go to the operable computer and insert a USB Flash drive or external USB hard disk.
2. Insert the ***Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual*** disc into the CD/DVD drive of the operable computer.
3. Copy the **f6flpy-x86** or **f6flpy-x64** folder from the location below (D: denotes your DVD drive) on the ***Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual*** disc to the USB flash drive or external USB hard disk.
 - **For Windows 8 32bit = D:\Options\RAID\f6flpy-x86**
 - **For Windows 8 64bit = D:\Options\RAID\f6flpy-x64**
4. Start-up your notebook computer and press <F2> to enter the **BIOS**.
5. Go to the **Boot** menu, select **UEFI Setting** and press <Enter> (see page **5 - 14**).
6. Set **UEFI Boot** to “**Enabled**”.
7. Press <Esc> to exit the menu and go to the **Advanced** menu.
8. Select **SATA Mode** (see page **5 - 10**), press <Enter> and select “**RAID Mode**”.
9. Press <F4> and <Yes> to “**Save Changes and Reset**”.
10. After computer restarts press <F2> to enter the **BIOS** again.
11. Go to **Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology** (in the **Advanced** menu) and press <Enter>.
12. Select **Create RAID Volume** and press <Enter>.



Figure 7 - 1
Create RAID Volume
(Advanced > Intel(R)
Rapid Storage
Technology)

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13. You can now setup your RAID volume using any two installed disks.
14. Go to **Name:** and press <Enter>.
15. Type a name of your choice for your RAID volume and press <Enter>.



16. Go to **RAID Level**: and press <Enter>.
17. Choose the RAID Level required (see *Table 7 - 1, on page 7 - 3* for details) and press <Enter>.
 - **RAID0 (Stripe)**
 - **RAID1 (Mirror)**
 - **Recovery**
18. Go to any of the disks listed under **Select Disks**: and select a disk name and press <Enter>.
19. Move the cursor down (use the arrow keys) onto to **X** (o select the disk required and press <Enter>.
- If you have selected a **Recovery** level RAID then you need to select one disk to be **Master disk (M)** and one disk to be the **Recovery disk (R)**

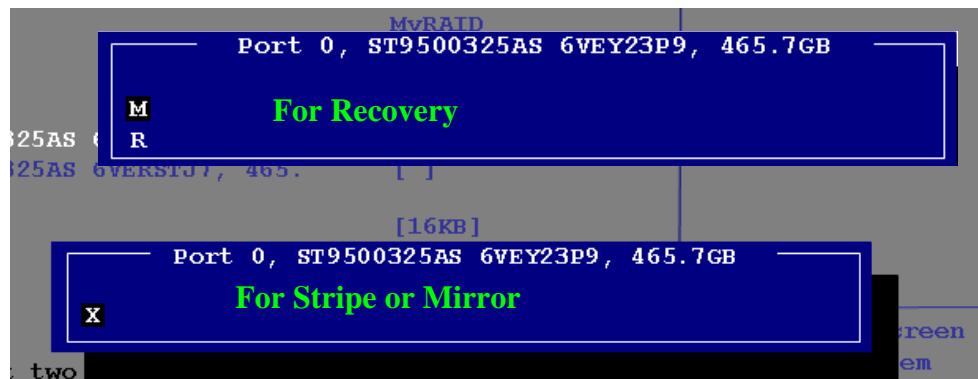


Figure 7 - 3
Select Disks
(Advanced > Intel(R)
Rapid Storage
Technology)

Modules

20. You should select two identical disks to form your RAID volume.
21. If you have selected **RAID0 (Stripe)** then you can adjust the “**Strip Size**” to your requirements.
22. If you have selected **Recovery** then you can adjust the **Synchronization** to “**On Request**” or “**Continuous**”.
23. Go to **Create Volume** and press **<Enter>**.
24. The RAID volume will then be created and the RAID information will be displayed under **Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology** (in the **Advanced** menu).

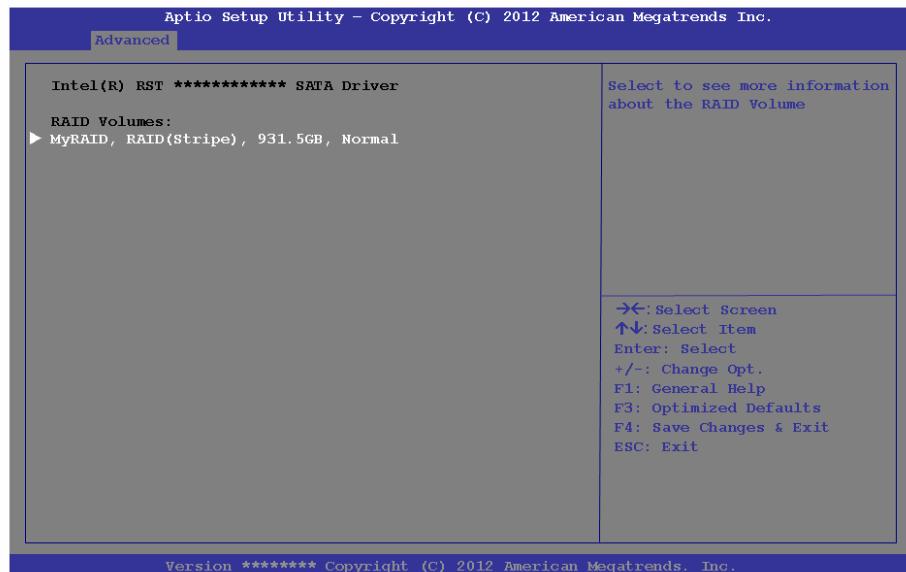


Figure 7 - 4
Created RAID
Information
(Advanced > Intel(R)
Rapid Storage
Technology)

25. Press <Esc> to exit the menu.
26. Press <F4> and <Yes> to “**Save Changes and Reset**”, however **ensure that the two conditions in the bulleted points below are met** before doing so.
 - Make sure the **Windows 8** OS DVD is in the DVD drive. and as the computer starts up it will automatically boot from the **Windows 8** OS DVD (you will be prompted to press a key to boot from the DVD).
 - Make sure your USB Flash drive or external USB hard disk is attached to one of the USB ports on the computer.
27. Press <F7> as the computer starts up to bring up the boot device menu.
28. Select the DVD drive containing the **Windows 8** OS DVD and press <Enter>.
29. Press a key at system startup to begin installing **Windows** from your **Microsoft Windows 8** disc.
30. Click **Next > Install Now** to continue installing the operating system as normal (see your **Windows** documentation if you need help on installing the **Windows** OS).
31. A prompt will appear to ask you to **Load Driver**.
32. Click **Browse** and browse to the location you copied the files to on your USB Flash drive or external USB hard disk (X: denotes your USB Flash drive or external USB hard disk):
 - **X:\f6flpy-x86 (for Windows 8 32bit)**
 - **X:\f6flpy-x64 (for Windows 8 64bit)**
33. Click **Next**.
34. Follow the on-screen instructions to install the **Windows 8** operating system.

35. Install the **Windows** drivers from the **Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual** disc as per [**Table 4 - 1, on page 4 - 3**](#) (make sure you install the Intel Rapid Storage Technology driver - see overleaf).
36. Run the **Intel® Rapid Storage Technology** application to manage your RAID volume as instructed in [**"Intel® Rapid Storage Technology for RAID Systems" on page 7 - 46.**](#)

IRST Driver Installation

1. Insert the **Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual** disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **4.Install IRST Driver > Yes**.
4. Click **Next > Next**.
5. Click the tickbox to accept the license and click **Next**.
6. Click **Next > Next > Next**.
7. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.
8. See [**"Intel® Rapid Storage Technology for RAID Systems" on page 7 - 46.**](#)

Deleting a RAID (Windows 8)

If you wish to delete an existing RAID then follow the procedure below to do so. However **backup up any necessary files and data before deleting a RAID**, as doing so will result in the loss of all data on the RAID volumes.

1. Start-up your notebook computer and press **<F2>** to enter the **BIOS**.
2. Go to **Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology** (in the **Advanced** menu) and press **<Enter>**.
3. Go to the RAID (listed under **RAID Volumes:**) and press **<Enter>**.
4. Select **Delete** and press **<Enter>**.
5. Select “**Yes**” (note that all the data on the volumes will be lost) and press **<Enter>**.

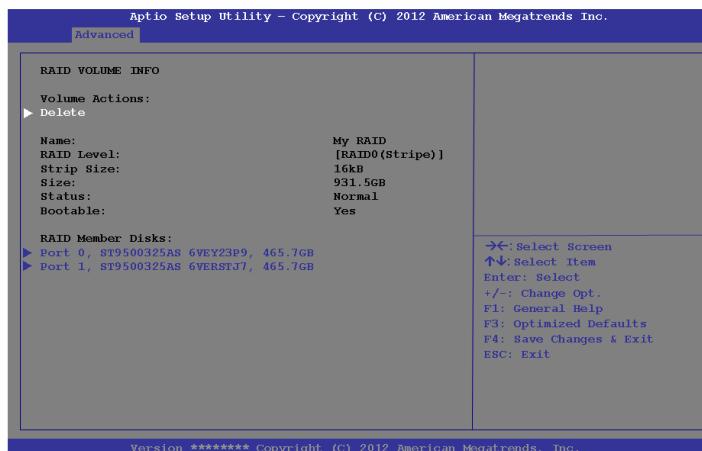


Figure 7 - 5
Delete RAID
(Advanced > Intel(R)
Rapid Storage
Technology)

PC Camera Module

When the PC Camera application is run the LED indicator to the left of the camera will be illuminated in **red**. Note that you need to use the **Camera** app in *Windows 8* to take pictures and capture video. **Use the Fn + F10 key combination** (see “*[Function Keys & Visual Indicators](#)* on page 1 - 14) to toggle power to the PC Camera module.

PC Camera Audio Setup

If you want to capture video & **audio** with your camera, it is necessary to setup the audio recording options in *Windows*.

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Sound** (Hardware and Sound) and click **Recording** (tab).
3. Right-click hold and release **Microphone** (Realtek High Definition Audio) and make sure the item is not disabled.
4. Double-click **Microphone** (or select **Properties** from the right-click menu).
5. Click **Levels** (tab), and adjust the **Microphone** and **Microphone Boost** sliders to the level required.
6. Click **OK** and close the control panels.

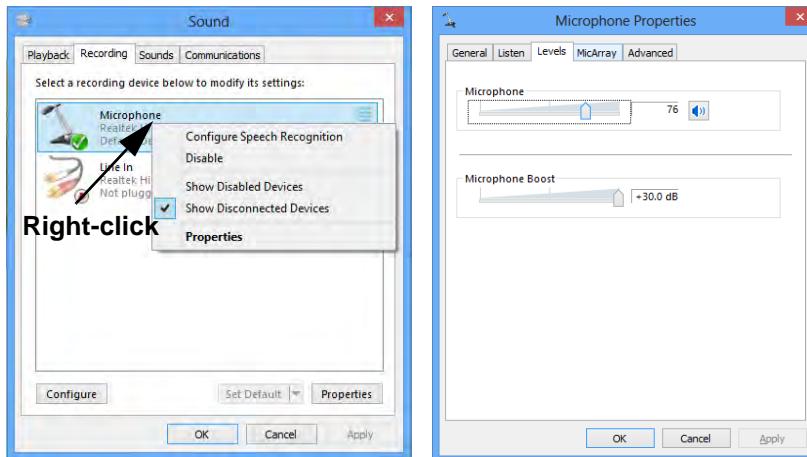
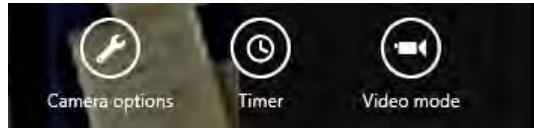


Figure 7 - 6
Audio Setup for PC
Camera

Camera App

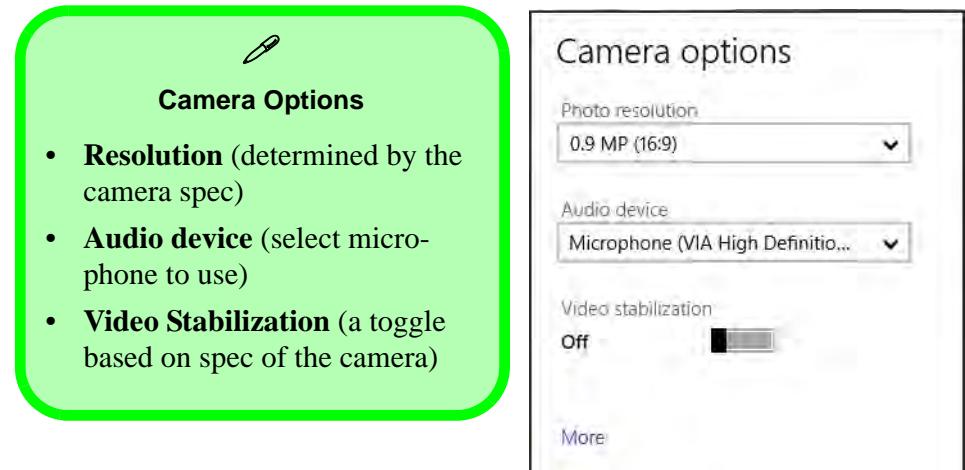
1. Make sure the camera is powered on (use the **Fn + F10** key combination to toggle power to the camera module).
2. Click the **Camera** app icon in the **Start screen** to run the **Camera** app .
3. The camera interface is a translucent app bar with three buttons.

Figure 7 - 7
Camera App Bar

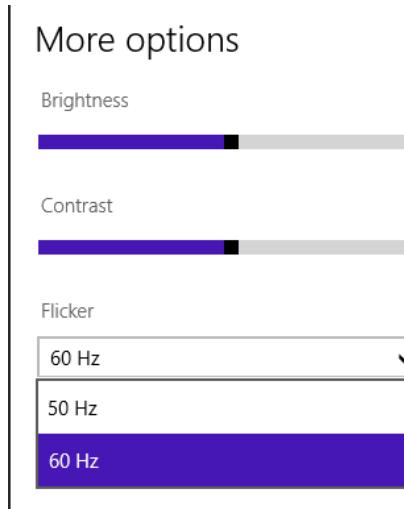


- **Camera options:** Click this button to open a window with three main options:

Figure 7 - 8
Camera Options



You can also click on **More** to adjust **Brightness**, **Contrast** and **Flicker** (if you find that the video screen in the camera program is flickering, you can try to adjust the setting here).



Eliminating Screen Flicker

If you find that the video screen in the camera program is flickering, you can try to adjust the setting in **Flicker** under **More Options**.

Figure 7 - 9
More Camera Options

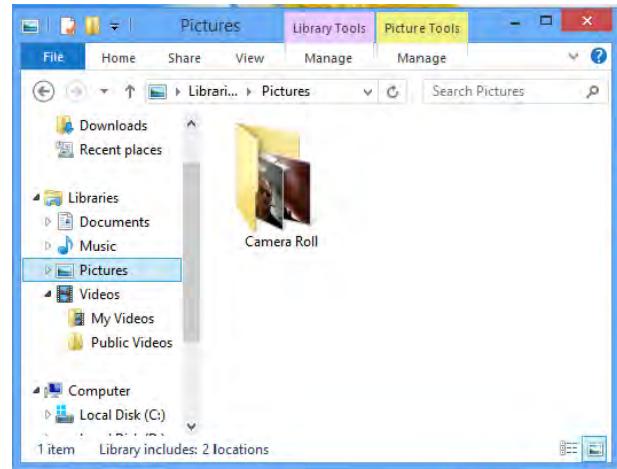
- **Timer:** This button will start a three second countdown before the system takes a still photo or video recording starts.
- **Video Mode:** This button toggles between still photo mode (transparent button) and video recording mode (highlighted white button).

Taking Pictures/Capturing Video

1. Make sure the camera is powered on (use the **Fn + F10** key combination to toggle power to the camera module).
2. Click the **Camera** app icon in the **Start screen** to run the **Camera** app .
3. Click to select the timer if you require a countdown before capture.
4. Click to select either photo or video modes.
5. Click in the main window to take a picture or start video capture (if video capture begins a timer will appear in the bottom right corner of the screen).
6. To stop video capture click the main window again.
7. Captured photos and videos will be saved to a **Camera Roll** folder within the **Picture** folder in **Libraries**.

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Figure 7 - 10
Libraries - Pictures



8. A scroll arrow will appear on the left side of the screen after any pictures/videos have been captured.
9. Click the arrows (on either side of the screen) to browse through the captured photos/video, and back to the Camera app.
10. Clicking on a captured photo will bring up an app bar with **Crop** and **Delete** buttons.



*Figure 7 - 11
Crop & Delete
Buttons
(for Still Photos)*

11. Use the handles to **Crop** any captured picture, and click **OK** to save the changes made.
12. Click **Delete** to delete any captured photo (note that no prompt will appear to confirm the delete).
13. Right-click any captured video to bring up app bar with **Trim** and **Delete** buttons.



*Figure 7 - 12
Trim & Delete
Buttons
(for Video Files)*

14. Use the buttons at either end of the slider to adjust the video length and click **OK** to save the changes made.

Reducing Video File Size

Note that capturing high resolution video files requires a substantial amount of disk space for each file. After recording video, check the video file size (right-click the file and select **Properties**) and the remaining free space on your hard disk (go to **My Computer**, right-click the hard disk, and select **Properties**). If necessary you can remove the recorded video file to a removable medium e.g. CD, DVD or USB Flash drive.

Note that the **Windows 8** system requires a minimum of **16GB (32-bit)** or **20GB (64-bit)** of free space on the **C: drive** system partition. In order to prevent system problems it is recommended that you move any large sized captured video file to a location other than the **C: drive**, or reduce video resolution (see below).

To Reduce Video Resolution Output Size:

1. Run the **Camera** app.
2. Click the **Video resolution** dropdown and select a lower resolution size in order to reduce the captured file size.
3. Note that reducing video resolution will affect the video quality.

Wireless LAN Module

If you have included an **Intel®** or **3rd Party WLAN** module in your purchase option make sure that the module is on (i.e. the system is not in **Airplane Mode**) before installing the driver.

Make sure you install the drivers in the order indicated in [**Table 4 - 1, on page 4 - 3.**](#)

Note that you need to install both the WLAN & Bluetooth drivers for the WLAN & Bluetooth Combo modules.



Wireless Device Operation Aboard Aircraft

The use of any portable electronic transmission devices aboard aircraft is usually prohibited. Make sure the **WLAN & Bluetooth** module(s) are **OFF** if you are using the computer aboard aircraft by putting the system in to **Airplane Mode** (see [**Table 1 - 6, on page 1 - 18.**](#))

3rd Party 802.11b/g/n Driver Installation

1. Make sure the system is not in Airplane Mode, and then insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **1. Install WLAN Driver > Yes**.
4. Click **Next**.
5. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.
6. The operating system is the default setting for Wireless LAN control in *Windows* (see page [7 - 21](#)).

Intel® WLAN Driver Installation

1. Make sure the system is not in Airplane Mode, and then insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **1. Install WLAN Driver > Yes**.
4. Click in the tickbox to agree to the **End User License Agreement** and click **Install**.
5. Click **Finish**.
6. The operating system is the default setting for Wireless LAN control in *Windows* (see page [7 - 21](#)).

WLAN Configuration in Windows 8

You can configure a wireless connection using one of the following options, however make sure the Wireless LAN module is turned on (and not in Airplane Mode) before configuration begins.

Charms Bar

1. Go to the **Charms Bar**.
2. Select **Settings** and then click the **WiFi icon** (it should read **Available** under the icon and **Airplane mode** should be **Off**).
3. A list of available access points will appear.

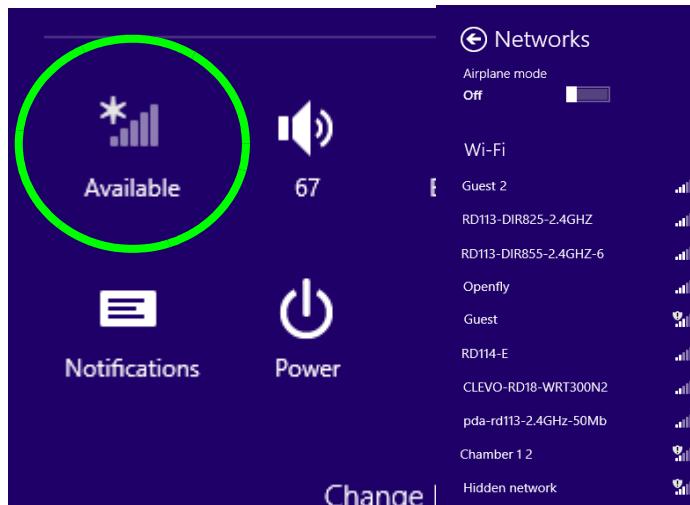


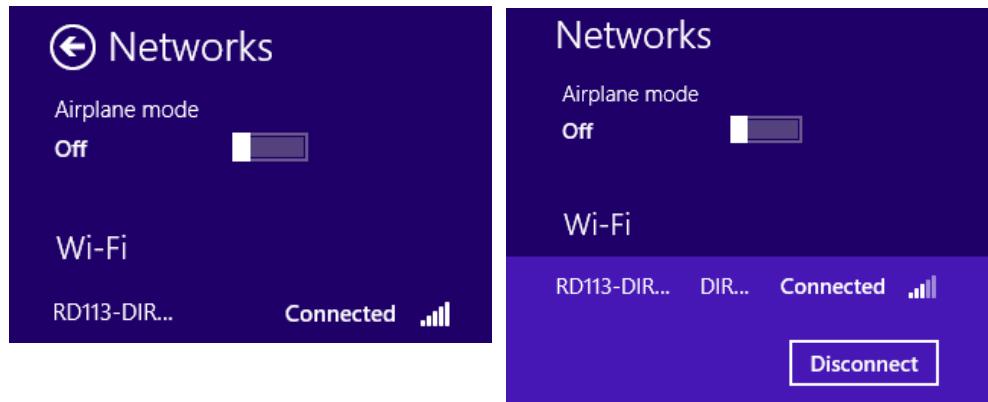
Figure 7 - 13
WiFi Settings
(Charms Bar) &
Networks

Modules

4. Double-click an access point to connect to it (or click it and click **Connect**).
5. Enter a network security key (password) if required, and click **Next**.
6. You can choose to share or connect to devices or not.
7. When you are connected to the network access point it will display the Connected icon  .
8. Select any connected network and click **Disconnect**  to disconnect from a connected access point.

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Figure 7 - 14
Networks
Connected /
Disconnect



9. You can click the **Airplane Mode** button to turn the mode On or Off.
10. If you click on **Change PC Settings** (at the bottom of **Settings** in the **Charms Bar**) you can turn **Wireless** or **Airplane Mode** On/Off (see over).

11. You need to either use **Airplane Mode**, or to **turn the WLAN module off** aboard aircraft.

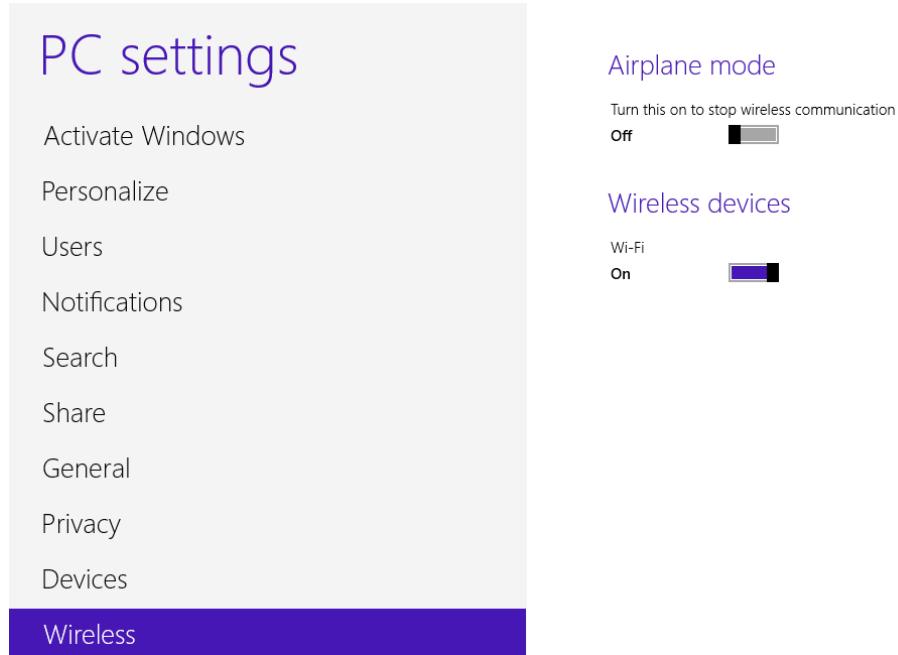


Figure 7 - 15
PC Settings
(Wireless)

Desktop Mode

1. Switch to the Windows Desktop (click the app or use the Windows logo key **Windows** + **D** key combination).
2. Click the wireless icon  in the notification area of the taskbar.
3. A list of available access points will appear.
4. Double-click an access point to connect to it (or click it and click **Connect**).
5. Enter a network security key (password) if required, and click **Next**.
6. You can choose to share or connect to devices or not.
7. Select any connected network and click **Disconnect** to disconnect from a connected access point.

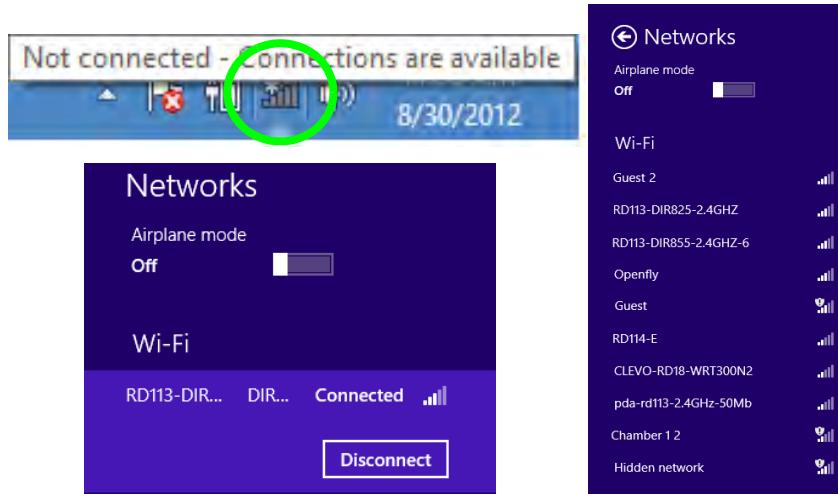
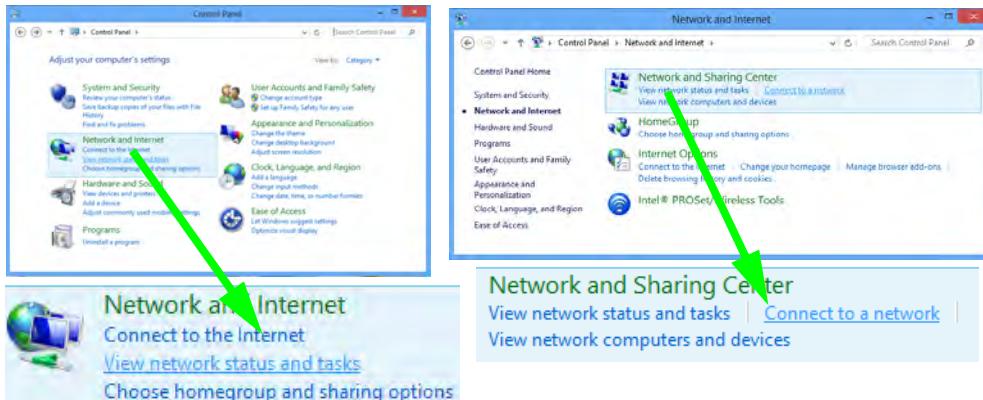


Figure 7 - 16
Windows Desktop
Taskbar Notification
Area WLAN
Connection

Control Panel

If you are in **Category View** do the following (see over for Icon View):

1. Open the **Control Panel**.
2. Click the **Network and Internet** control panel.
3. Click **Connect to a network**.



4. A list of available access points will appear.
5. Double-click an access point to connect to it (or click it and click **Connect**).
6. Enter a network security key (password) if required, and click **Next**.
7. You can choose to share or connect to devices or not.
8. Select any connected network and click **Disconnect** to disconnect from a connected access point.

Figure 7 - 17
Network and Internet Control Panel

If you are in **Icon View** do the following:

1. Open the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Network and Sharing Center**.
3. Click **Change Adapter Settings**.
4. Double-click **Wi-Fi**.



5. A list of available access points will appear.
6. Double-click an access point to connect to it (or click it and click **Connect**).
7. Enter a network security key (password) if required, and click **Next**.
8. You can choose to share or connect to devices or not.
9. Select any connected network and click **Disconnect** to disconnect from a connected access point.

Fingerprint Reader Module

The **optional fingerprint reader Protector Suite Software** provides a high level of security for your computer. Make sure you have administrator's rights to your computer, and have a *Windows* password enabled for full security protection. A further level of security and control is provided in the BIOS (see “*Security Menu* on [page 5 - 11](#)”).

The **fingerprint reader** and **Protector Suite Software** allow you to:

- Access or Lock your computer
- Protect sensitive files
- Display and file your favorite web pages
- Fill in frequently used dialogs
- Run your favorite applications

If you have included the fingerprint reader in your purchase option you will need to install the driver as per the instructions below.

Make sure you have administrator's rights to your computer, and have a *Windows* password enabled for full security protection.

Before beginning the enrollment process it is recommended that you go through the fingerprint tutorial.



Password Warning

If you set passwords for any of the security modules, **NEVER** forget your password.

The consequences of this could be serious. If you cannot remember your boot password you must contact your vendor and you may lose all of the information on your hard disk.

Fingerprint Reader Driver Installation

1. Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the CD/DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers**.
3. Click **2. Install Finger Print Driver > Yes**.
4. Click **Next**.
5. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

AuthenTec TrueSuite Application

The AuthenTec TrueSuite application is used in conjunction with your fingerprint reader to enroll fingerprints and manage settings etc.

User Enrollment

1. Run the **AuthenTec TrueSuite** application.
2. Click **Yes** when you have identified your **fingerprint reader sensor**(**1**) in *Figure 7 - 19*).
3. Click **Yes** when you are ready to enroll your fingerprints.
4. Click on the fingerprint diagram to select any finger to enroll.
5. You will be required to enter your **Windows** password (you will be prompted to create a password if you have not already done so) at this point (click **OK** to confirm the password entry).
6. Swipe the finger until the progress bar reaches **100%** to enroll that finger.



Fingerprint Enrollment

Note that it is strongly recommended that you **enroll more than one finger in case of injury etc.**

Figure 7 - 19
Fingerprint Sensor & Enrollment

Modules

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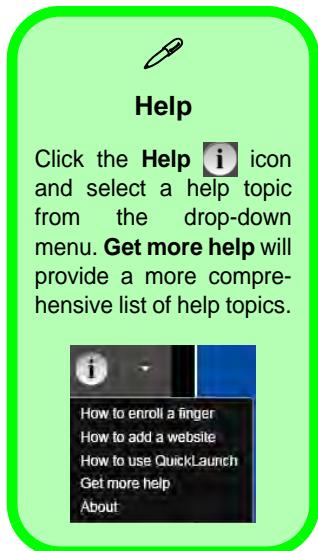


Figure 7 - 20
AuthenTec
TrueSuite

7. You will be prompted to select another finger for enrollment (it is recommended that you enroll a number of fingers - see sidebar).
8. Click the button to continue once you have enrolled a number of fingerprints.
9. Enter the required information and click the button to register your software, or click to register later.
10. Your fingerprints will now be enrolled (you may enroll any additional fingerprints at any time).



Settings

Click the **Settings**  button on the menu bar to access the personalization settings for **AuthenTec TrueSuite**. Here you can choose to enable/disable Website Log On, QuickLaunch, Fast User Switching and the desktop icon. You can also select the Theme and export/import identities. Click the **Save** button to save any changes made.

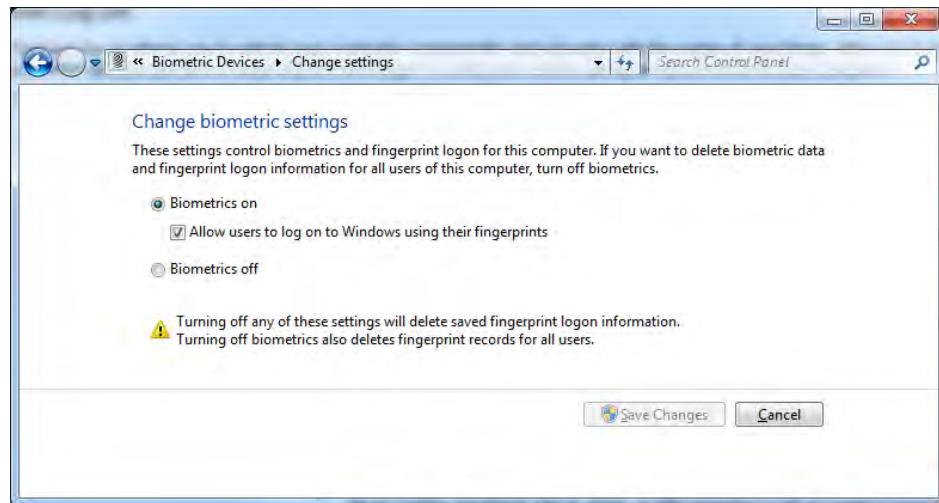


Figure 7 - 21
AuthenTec
TrueSuite - Settings

Windows Log On

Windows log on allows you to gain access to your computer by swiping your finger across the fingerprint reader sensor. Use the **Biometric Devices** control panel (in the **Hardware & Sound** category) in *Windows* to turn **Biometrics on/off** when required. Access the **Biometric Devices** control panel and select **Change biometric settings** to turn the biometrics on or off, or to allow users to log on to *Windows* using fingerprints.

Figure 7 - 22
Biometric Devices
Control Panel
(Windows Hardware & Sound)



When Biometrics is on, and “*Allow users to log on to Windows using their fingerprints*” is enabled, simple swipe you finger across the reader to log on to *Windows*.

Website Log On

Use a fingerprint swipe to log on to websites to help you avoid having to remember user names and passwords across multiple websites (browsers supported are Internet Explorer, Firefox and Chrome).

Registering a Website

1. Use your web browser to navigate to the website required.
2. Enter your user name and password and sign in to the website.
3. An **AuthenTec TrueStudio** dialog box will pop-up.
4. Click **Save Password** to register the website.

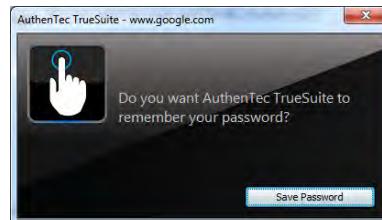


Figure 7 - 23
Save Password

5. The website will now be registered (and your log on and password information will be biometrically stored) and you will be prompted to swipe a finger to log on to the website in future.



Figure 7 - 24
Log On to Website

QuickLaunch

QuickLaunch allows you to drag and drop icons (which represent websites, folders, applications and/or computer actions) to any enrolled finger and then swipe your finger to launch the icons assigned to that finger.

1. Run the **AuthenTec TrueSuite** application.
2. Click **Select Category** (button) to group icons if required.
3. Drag and drop an icon to an enrolled finger.
4. To launch the website, folder, application and/or action just swipe your finger across the sensor.
5. If you have entered the log on information for the website then a single swipe will launch the website(s), load the log on page and log on to your account.

Figure 7 - 25
QuickLaunch



Adding a Website to QuickLaunch

1. Run the **AuthenTec TrueSuite** application.
2. Click the **Add Website button** on the menu bar and the dialog box will be displayed.
3. Enter the website URL, name, icon and category as required.
4. Click **Save** and an icon will be associated with the selected website.
5. To **delete** an icon right-click it and select **Delete Icon** and it will no longer be associated with the finger.



Figure 7 - 26
QuickLaunch
Add Website

Figure 7 - 27
Dock View

Dock View

Dock View displays the website icons across the bottom of the screen. Each icon will have an associated web card which displays the website information, user name and password etc. This information may be edited or deleted as required.



Editing a Web Card

1. Run the **AuthenTec TrueSuite** application.
2. Left-click a web card to bring up the associated information.
3. You can click the reveal/hide password button  to see or hide the password.
4. Make any changes required and click Save to confirm the changes.
5. To delete a web card left-click it and click the **Delete** icon.
6. Click **Print** to print and web card and the password will be shown in plain text.
7. You can **Print all web cards** from the menu bar button if required.

Figure 7 - 28
QuickLaunch
Add Website



Exporting and Importing Your Identity

You can export your identity to backup your information, or to move it to another computer.

Exporting Your Identity

1. Run the **AuthenTec TrueSuite** application.
2. Click the **Settings** button on the menu bar.
3. Click **Export My Identity**.
4. You will be required to enter and confirm a passphrase and click **Next**.
5. Browse to a location to **Save** the file.
6. Swipe a finger to confirm the export.

Importing Your Identity

1. Run the **AuthenTec TrueSuite** application.
2. Click the **Settings** button on the menu bar.
3. Click **Import My Identity**.
4. Browse to the location where the file is saved.
5. Select the file and click **Open**.
6. Type your passphrase and click **Next**.
7. The information will then be imported.

AuthenTec KeepSafe

The **KeepSafe folder** is an encrypted area assigned on your hard drive that allows you to store files and folders to be protected by fingerprint protection. The folder will appear on your desktop (if selected in the **Personalization Settings**) and in My Computer, but will not be visible to other users of your computer.

To **lock/unlock** the **KeepSafe** folder right-click it to display the context menu and select **Unlock/Lock**. You will be required to authenticate when unlocking the folder using either a fingerprint swipe or **Windows** password.

To add files to **KeepSafe** folder just open the folder and drag and drop files into the folder. You may also right-click any file to bring up the context menu and select **Add to KeepSafe** (you can select whether or not to keep or delete the original file).

Bluetooth & WLAN Combo Module

If your purchase option includes the **Combination Wireless LAN & Bluetooth module** (either **Intel®** or **3rd Party**) then install the driver as instructed overleaf.

Make sure that the module is on (i.e. the system is not in **Airplane Mode**) before installing the driver.



Bluetooth Data Transfer

Note that the transfer of data between the computer and a Bluetooth enabled device is supported in one direction only (simultaneous data transfer is not supported). Therefore if you are copying a file from your computer to a Bluetooth enabled device, you will not be able to copy a file from the Bluetooth enabled device to your computer until the file transfer process from the computer has been completed.



Wireless Device Operation Aboard Aircraft

The use of any portable electronic transmission devices aboard aircraft is usually prohibited. Make sure the **WLAN & Bluetooth module(s)** are **OFF** if you are using the computer aboard aircraft by putting the system in to **Airplane Mode** (see [Table 1 - 6, on page 1 - 18](#)).

Note that you need to install both the WLAN & Bluetooth drivers for the WLAN & Bluetooth Combo modules.

High Speed Bluetooth Data Transfer

The **Combination Wireless LAN & Bluetooth module** supports high speed data transfer. However to achieve such transfer speeds, **both devices must support high speed data transfer**.

To obtain high speed data transfer make sure that both the WLAN and Bluetooth modules are powered on.

Check your Bluetooth compatible device's documentation to confirm it supports high speed data transfer.

3rd Party Bluetooth (V4.0) Combo Driver Installation

1. Make sure the system is not in Airplane Mode, and then insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **3.Install Combo BT Driver > Yes**.
4. Click **Next**.
5. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.
6. See "**Bluetooth Configuration in Windows 8**" on page 7 - 41 for configuration instructions.

Intel Bluetooth Combo Driver Installation

1. Make sure the system is not in Airplane Mode, and then insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **3.Install Combo BT Driver > Yes**.
4. Click **Next > Next**.
5. Click in the tickbox to accept the license and click **Next**.
6. Click **Next > Finish**.
7. See "**Bluetooth Configuration in Windows 8**" on page 7 - 41 for configuration instructions.

Bluetooth Configuration in Windows 8

You can configure a Bluetooth connection as below, however make sure the Bluetooth module is on (i.e. not in Airplane Mode) before configuration begins.

Desktop Mode

1. Switch to the Windows Desktop (click the App or use the Windows logo key  + D key combination).
2. Click the notification area of the taskbar and double-click the Bluetooth icon  (or click and select **Show Bluetooth Devices**).
3. The **Devices** item in **PC Settings** will appear.

OR

Charms Bar

1. Go to the **Charms Bar**.
2. Select **Settings** and then click **Change PC Settings**.
3. The **Devices** item in **PC Settings** will appear.

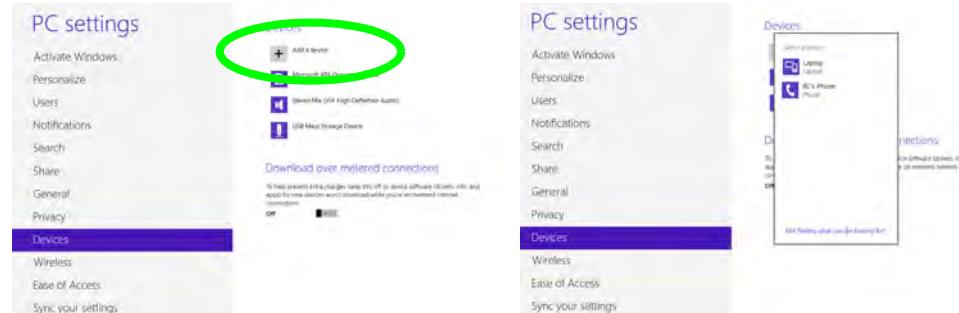


Figure 7 - 29
Bluetooth Taskbar Icon & Change PC Settings (Charms Bar -Settings)

Modules

4. Click **Add a Device**.
5. Double-click the device you want to pair with the computer.

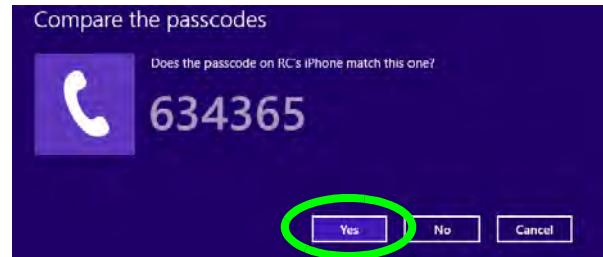
Figure 7 - 30
PC Settings
(Devices)
Add A Device



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6. On first connection the computer will provide you with a pairing code to be entered onto the device.

Figure 7 - 31
Enter the Passcode



7. Enter the code into your Bluetooth enabled device and click **Yes** on the computer to complete the pairing.

8. You need to either use **Airplane Mode**, or to **turn the Bluetooth module off** aboard aircraft.

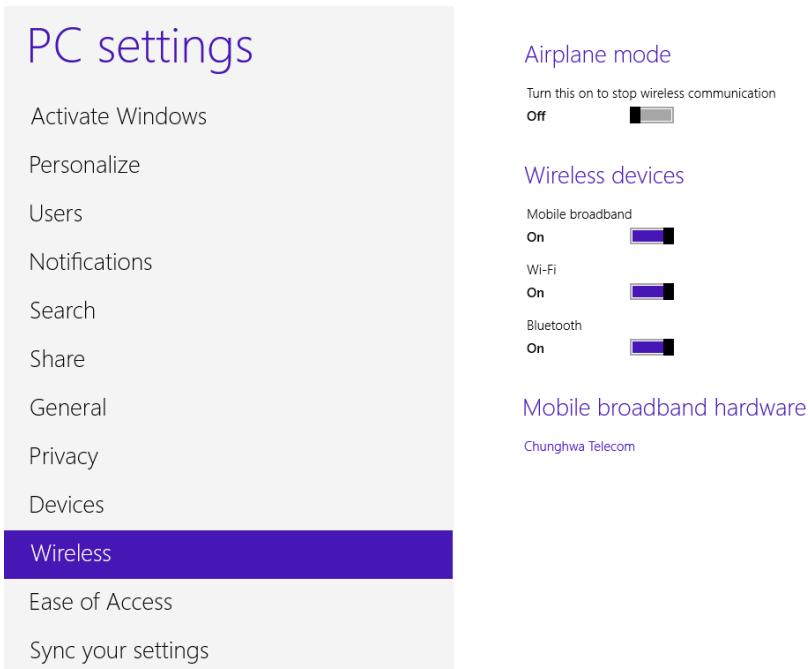


Figure 7 - 32
PC Settings
(Wireless)

To Make your Computer Discoverable to Bluetooth Devices

1. Switch to the Windows Desktop (click the app or use the Windows logo key  + D key combination).
2. Click the notification area of the taskbar, click the Bluetooth icon  and click **Open Settings**.
3. Click **Options**, and make sure that **Allow Bluetooth devices to find this computer** check box (**Discovery**) has a tick inside it.
4. Make sure that the **Alert me when a new Bluetooth device wants to connect** check box (**Connections**) has a tick inside it, if you want to be notified when a Bluetooth device wants to connect.

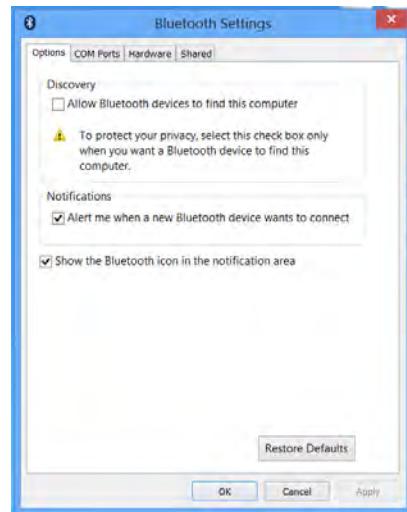


Figure 7 - 33
Bluetooth Settings

Intel® Rapid Storage Technology

The **Intel Rapid Storage Technology application** provides high-performance SATA and SATA RAID capabilities. Install the **Intel Rapid Storage Technology application** (after installing all necessary drivers in the correct order) to support your **RAID** system or SATA drive if set up in **AHCI mode** in the BIOS (see “[SATA Mode \(Advanced Menu\)](#)” on page 5 - 9).

IRST Driver Installation

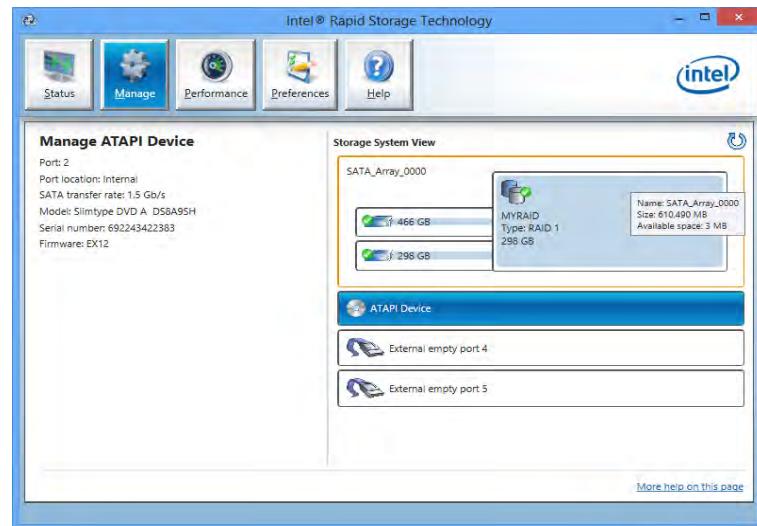
1. Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **4. Install IRST Driver** > **Yes**.
4. Click **Next**.
5. Click the tickbox to accept the license and click **Next**.
6. Click **Next** > **Next** > **Next**.
7. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

See the following pages for more information if you have set your hard disks up in a RAID configuration.

Intel® Rapid Storage Technology for RAID Systems

Intel® Rapid Storage Technology application displays status information on your RAID configuration. Run the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology application from the item in the Start menu.

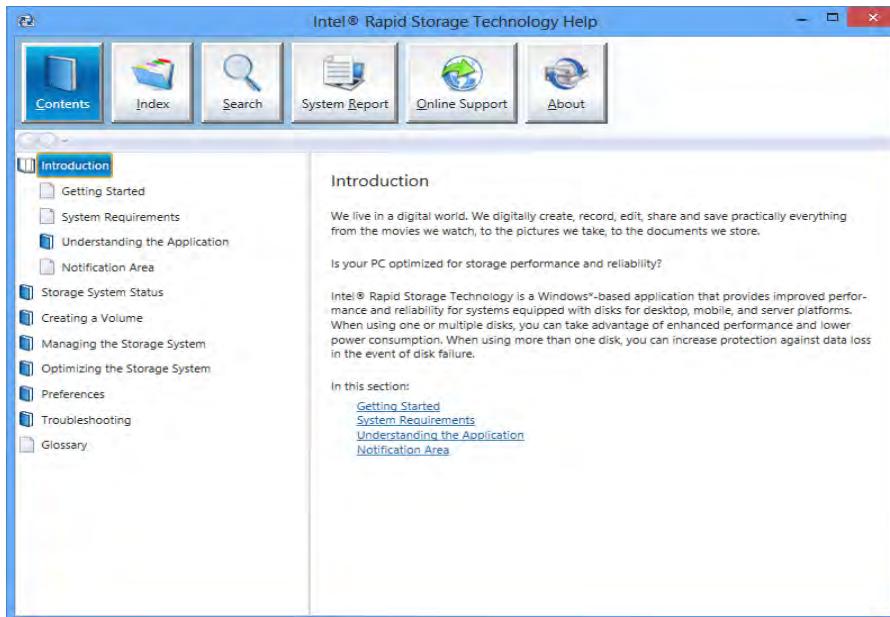
When the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology application is launched the system will open the **Status** window. Here you can view the general health of the storage system. Various volume creation and management options are available depending on the system's status.



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*Figure 7 - 34
Intel® Rapid
Storage Technology
Status*

Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Help

If a hard drive member of a RAID volume is reported as “**Degraded**” or “**Failed**” it may be possible to recover the volume. If the volume cannot be restored then you will need to recreate the RAID volume and restore the data from a back up. Click the **Help** menu (or press **F1**) for instructions on how to recover or recreate RAID Volumes.



Help

Click the **Help** (or press **F1**) menu button at the top of the **Intel® Rapid Storage Technology** application.

Click **Contents** to view the general list of subjects covered, click **Index** or **Search** for a more specific help topics on a particular item.

Click [More help on this page](#) at the bottom of any page for page specific help.

Figure 7 - 35
Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Help

RAID Volume Data Verification and Repair

The RAID volume data verification process identifies any inconsistencies or bad data on a RAID 0 or RAID 1 volume. The table outlines what occurs for each RAID level:

Table 7 - 2
RAID Level
Verification &
Repair Status

RAID Level	Verify	Verify & Repair
RAID 0	Bad blocks are identified.	N/A
RAID 1	Bad blocks are identified. Data on the mirrored drive is compared to data on the source drive.	Bad blocks are reassigned. If the data on the mirrored drive does not match the data on the source drive, the data on the mirrored drive is overwritten by the data on the source.

Replacing and Reverting Recovery and Master Volumes

If a master or recovery drive fails you will need to add a new identical drive and rebuild the recovery volume to the drive. You can also revert the master drive to the state of the previous volume update. For details on how to do this see the help file [**“Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Help” on page 7 - 47.**](#)

See over for details on how to verify and repair RAID volume data. Verification will identify and repair data inconsistencies on the volume.

Verifying and Repairing RAID Volume Data

1. Before verifying the volume data you will need to initialize the volume.
2. Run the **Intel® Rapid Storage Technology** application.
3. Click to **select the RAID** in the pane on the right side of the window.
4. Click **Manage** and click **Advanced**.
5. Click **Initialize** and click **Yes** (button) to begin the process.
6. The completion percentage will be listed under **Status**.

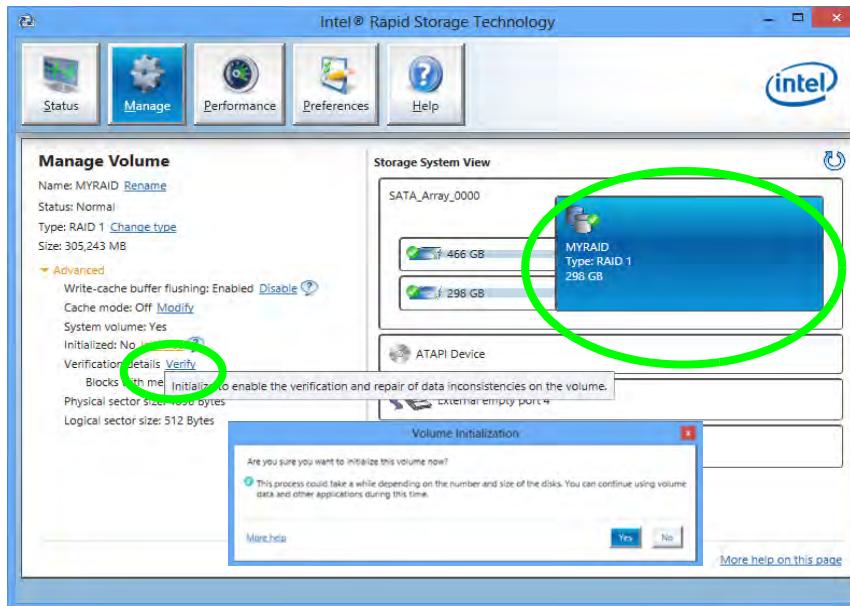


Figure 7 - 36
Intel® Rapid Storage Technology Initialize

7. Click **Advanced** and click **Verify**, then click **Verify** (button) to begin the process.
8. The completion percentage will be listed under **Status** (verifying and repairing).

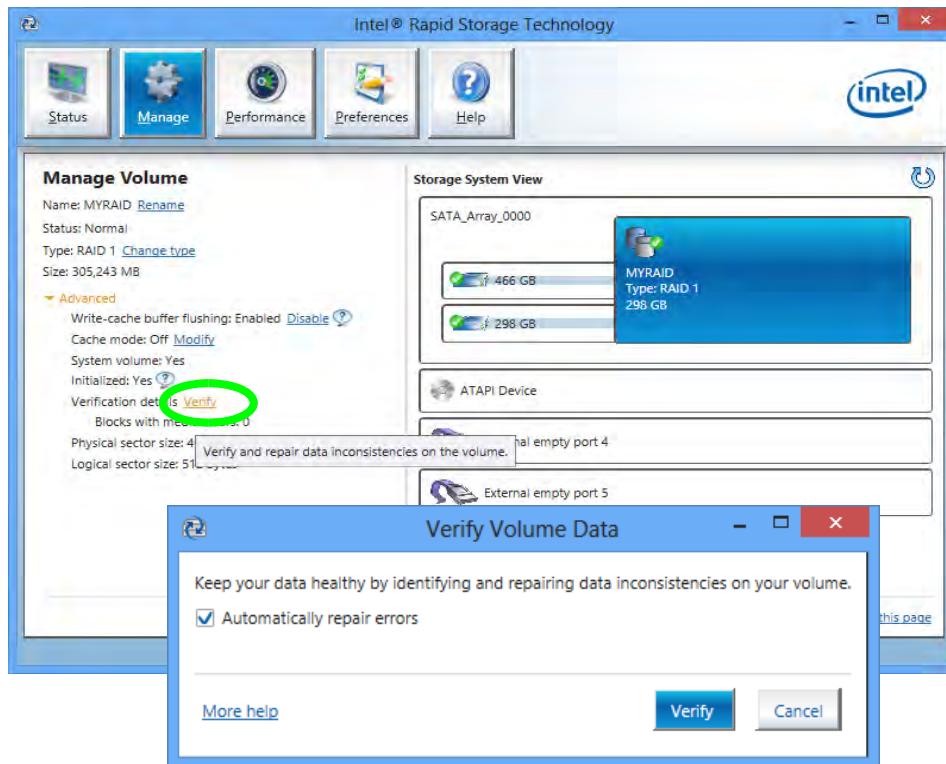


Figure 7 - 37
Intel® Rapid
Storage
Technology
Verify

Intel® Rapid Start Technology Driver

Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology can resume power from Hibernation within 5 to 6 seconds and can remember your computer's previous state with zero power.

System Requirements to support Intel® Rapid Start Technology:

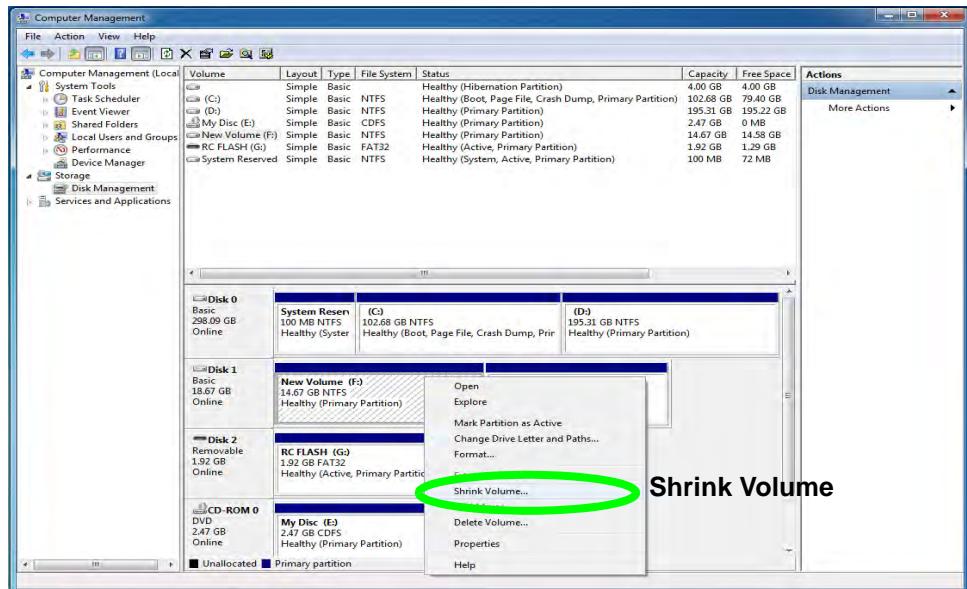
- Rapid Start Technology should be enabled in the BIOS (see “[*“Intel\(R\) Rapid Start Technology \(Advanced Menu\)” on page 5 - 8*](#)”).
- Intel Rapid Storage Technology software installed.
- A Solid State Drive (SSD) with a minimum capacity of 18.6GB.

See overleaf for instructions on enabling **Intel® Rapid Start Technology**.

Intel® Rapid Start Technology Configuration

1. Enable/disable Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology from the BIOS (see [“Intel\(R\) Rapid Start Technology \(Advanced Menu\)” on page 5 - 8](#)).
2. Go the **Windows** control panel and double-click **Administrative Tools (System and Security)**> **Computer Management > Storage > Disk Management**
3. Right-click the SSD and select **Shrink Volume** from the menu.

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Figure 7 - 38
Computer
Management
(Shrink SSD
Volume)



4. Enter the figure, **which should be equal to amount of system memory (RAM) in your computer**, in “Enter the amount of space to shrink in MB”.

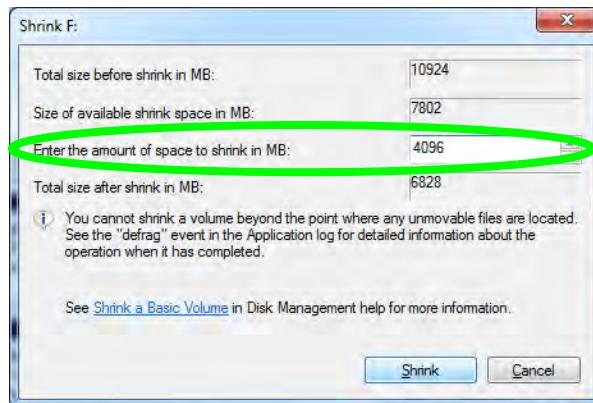


Figure 7 - 39
Shrink Volume
Size

5. Click **Shrink** (any unallocated file space may be formatted for storage use).

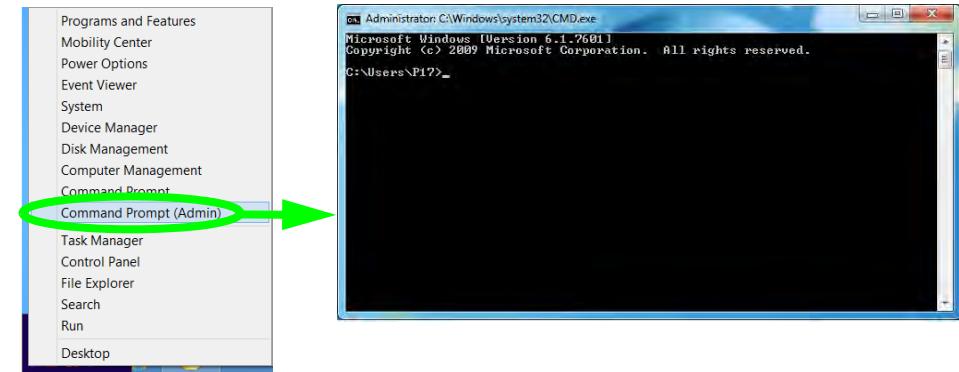
Memory Size (Amount of Space to Shrink)

The figure entered in the “Enter the amount of space to shrink in MB” field above should be equal to the amount of system memory in your computer. In the example above the system memory is 4GB (**1024MB * 4 = 4096GB**). If you are unsure of your total system memory (RAM) then go to **System** control panel (System and Security) and check **Installed memory (RAM)**. The memory size will be displayed in GB so convert by multiplying the GB figure by 1024 to get the total in MB (e.g. 8GB = 8192MB).

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6. Run the Desktop app and right-click the lower left hot corner (or use the **Windows Logo Key**  + X key combination) and select **Command Prompt (Admin)**.

Figure 7 - 40
Search for CMD
Prompt



7. Type “DISKPART”.
8. At the DISKPART command type “list disk”.

Figure 7 - 41
Diskpart - List Disk



9. Type “**select disk #**” (# is disk number where you want to create the store partition, so refer to the results obtained from “**list disk**” for exact disk number).
10. The message “**Disk # is now the selected disk.**” will appear.

```
C:\ Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - DISKPART
C:\Users\P17>DISKPART
Microsoft DiskPart version 6.1.7601
Copyright (C) 1999-2008 Microsoft Corporation.
On computer: P17-PC

DISKPART> list disk
  Disk #  Status     Size     Free     Dyn  Gpt
  Disk 0  Online    298 GB    0 B
  Disk 1  Online     18 GB  4097 MB
  Disk 2  Online    1967 MB    0 B

DISKPART> select disk 1
Disk 1 is now the selected disk.
DISKPART>
```

Figure 7 - 42
Diskpart - Select
Disk #

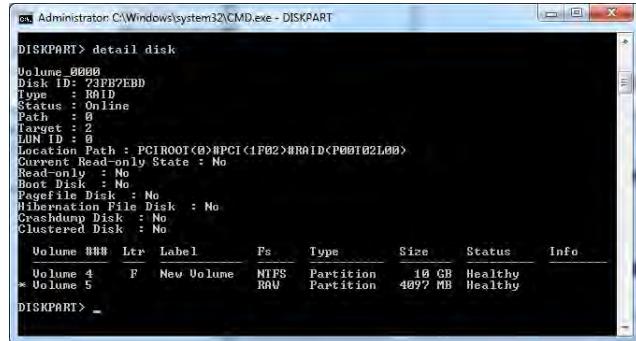
11. Type “**create partition primary**”.
12. A “**DiskPart succeeded in creating the specified partition.**” message should appear.

```
DISKPART> create partition primary
DiskPart succeeded in creating the specified partition.
DISKPART> _
```

Figure 7 - 43
Diskpart - Create
Partition

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13. Type “**detail disk**”.

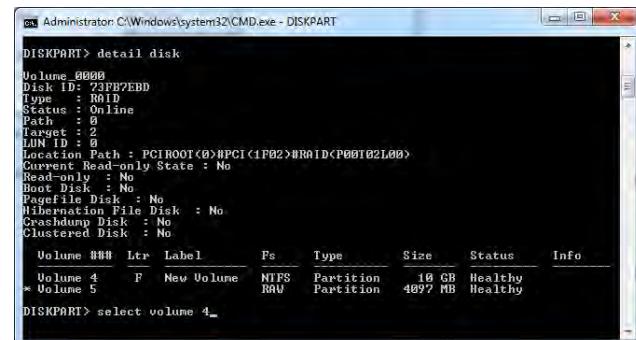


```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - DISKPART
DISKPART> detail disk
Volume 0000
Disk ID: 23FB2EBD
Type : RAID
Status : Online
Path : 0
Target : 2
LUN ID : 0
Location Path : PCIROOT(0)PCI(1F02)RAID(P00T02L00)
Current Read-only State : No
Read-only : No
Boot : No
Pagefile Disk : No
Hibernation File Disk : No
Crashdump Disk : No
Clustered Disk : No
Volume ### Ltr Label Fs Type Size Status Info
* Volume 5 F New Volume NTFS Partition 4097 MB Healthy
* Volume 4 F New Volume NTFS Partition 10 GB Healthy
DISKPART>
```

Figure 7 - 44
Diskpart - Detail
Disk

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14. Type “**select Volume #**” (# is volume of your storage partition so refer to results obtained from “detail disk” for the exact volume number).
15. The message “**Volume # is now the selected volume.**” will appear.

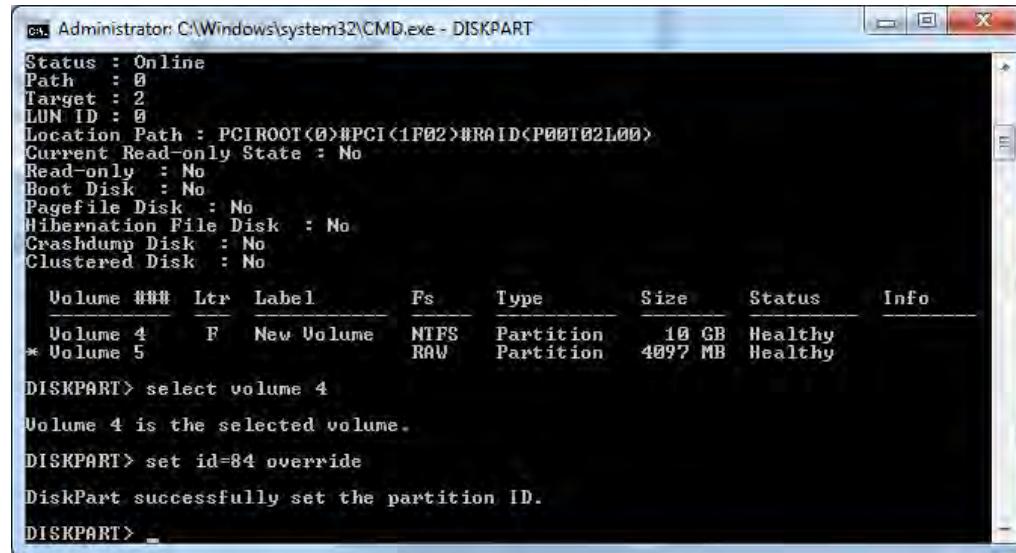


```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - DISKPART
DISKPART> detail disk
Volume 0000
Disk ID: 23FB2EBD
Type : RAID
Status : Online
Path : 0
Target : 2
LUN ID : 0
Location Path : PCIROOT(0)PCI(1F02)RAID(P00T02L00)
Current Read-only State : No
Read-only : No
Boot : No
Pagefile Disk : No
Hibernation File Disk : No
Crashdump Disk : No
Clustered Disk : No
Volume ### Ltr Label Fs Type Size Status Info
* Volume 5 F New Volume NTFS Partition 4097 MB Healthy
* Volume 4 F New Volume NTFS Partition 10 GB Healthy
DISKPART> select volume 4
```

Figure 7 - 45
Diskpart - Select
Volume #

16. Type the following, depending on the format of the SSD.

- For MBR formatted SSDs: “**set id=84 override**” (the id must be set to 84).
- For GPT formatted SSDs: “**set id=D3BFE2DE-3DAF-11DF-BA40-E3A556D89593**”.



```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - DISKPART
Status : Online
Path   : 0
Target : 2
LUN ID : 0
Location Path : PCIROOT<0>\PCI<1F02>\RAID<P00T02L00>
Current Read-only State : No
Read-only : No
Boot Disk : No
Pagefile Disk : No
Hibernation File Disk : No
Crashdump Disk : No
Clustered Disk : No

Volume ### Ltr Label Fs Type Size Status Info
Volume 4 F New Volume NTFS Partition 10 GB Healthy
* Volume 5 RAV Partition 4097 MB Healthy

DISKPART> select volume 4
Volume 4 is the selected volume.

DISKPART> set id=84 override
DiskPart successfully set the partition ID.

DISKPART>
```

Figure 7 - 46
Diskpart - Set id=

17. The message “**DiskPart successfully set the partition ID.**” will appear.

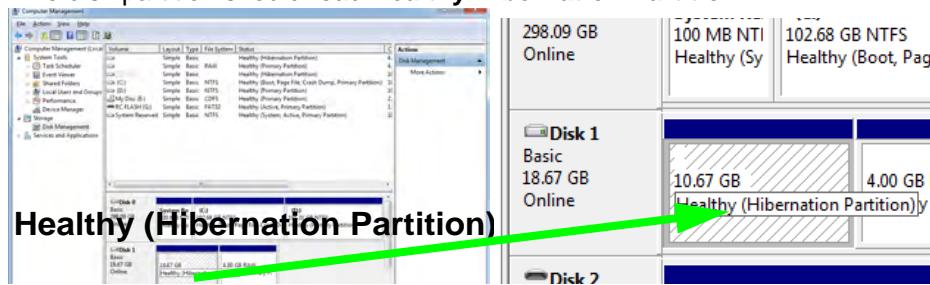
18. Close the CMD window.

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Figure 7 - 47
Computer
Management
(Healthy
Hibernation
Partition)

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19. Go the **Windows** control panel and double-click **Administrative Tools (System and Security)**> **Computer Management** > **Storage** > **Disk Management**.
20. The disk partition should read **Healthy Hibernation Partition**.



21. Restart the computer.
22. Install the driver (see below).

Intel® Rapid Start Technology Driver Installation

1. Insert the **Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual** disc into the CD/DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **5. Install Rapid Start Driver** > **Yes**.
4. Click **Next** > **Next** > **Yes** > **Next** > **Next**.
5. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

Intel® Wireless Display Application

The **Intel® Wireless Display Application** (requires **Intel® Centrino WLAN/Combo module**), in conjunction with a **compatible video adapter** (purchased separately), allows you to display the contents of the notebook display on another display (e.g. HDTV) without the need to have cables stretching across a room. You can then play games, browse the internet, display videos or photo slide shows on your TV/external display without using HDMI or A/V cables.

Before configuring the **Intel® WiDi** application you will need to set up your **compatible adapter** with your display/speakers. Connect the adapter using an HDMI or A/V cable and turn on the display (or in the case of speakers connect them to the wireless speaker adapter with the cables provided with the adapter), and then set the display to the appropriate input channel (see the documentation supplied with your **compatible adapter** for full details).



Compatible Adapters

For a list of compatible display and audio adapters check the Intel website, or your distributor/supplier.

Intel® WiDi Application Installation

1. Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **6.Install Intel WiDi AP > Yes**.
4. Click **Next**.
5. Click the button to accept the license and click **Next**.
6. Click **Finish**.

Intel® WiDi Application Configuration

1. Run Intel(R) Wireless Display  from the **Start** screen.
2. Click **I agree to the terms of this license** (button).
3. The application will scan for any connected compatible adapters (or you can click the **Scan for available adapters** button to enable **Intel My WiFi Technology**).

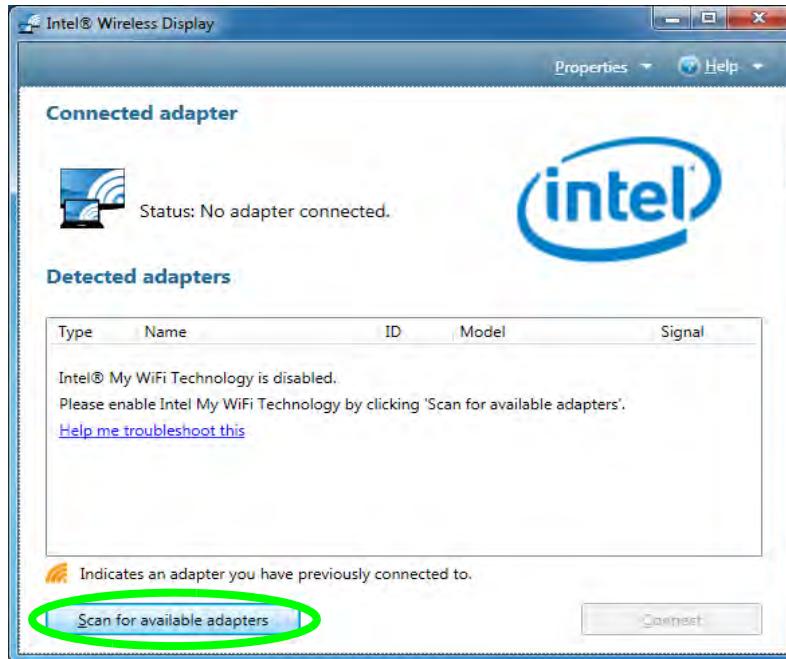


Figure 7 - 48
Intel® WiDi Scan

Modules

4. Click to select and detected adapters, and click **Connect**.
5. The system will then prompt you to enter the **4-digit security code** which will be displayed on the external TV Screen (or press the **connect** button on the wireless speaker adapter).
6. Enter the code for the video adapter and click **Continue**.

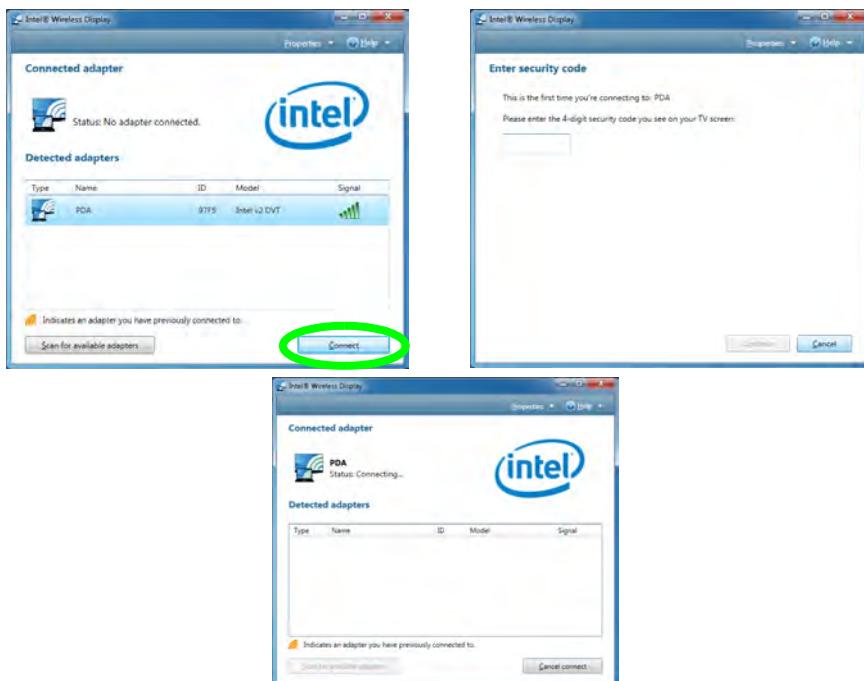
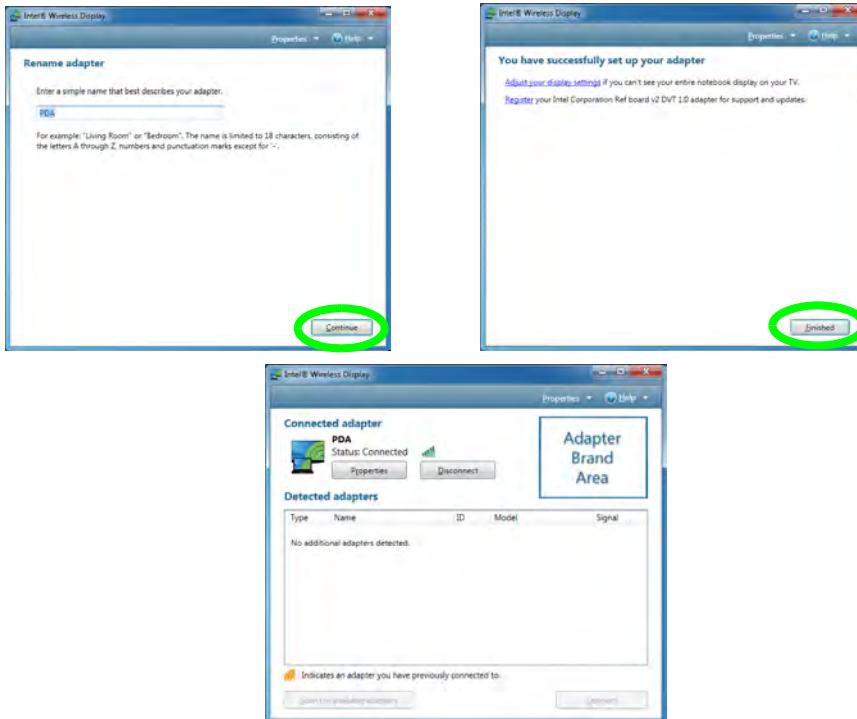


Figure 7 - 49
Intel® WiDi Connect & Enter Security Code

7. You will then be prompted to enter a name for the video adapter and click **Continue**.
8. Click **Finished** to complete the setup.



Test Audio Adapter

To verify a successful audio connection (for Intel® Wireless Music), select the **“Test your audio connection”** link or select **“Finished”** to bypass the test.

You can select **“Play Sample”** to play an audio test sample from your adapter to the connected speaker set.

Figure 7 - 50
Intel® WiDi
Connected

Sound Blaster Audio

Install the **Sound Blaster AP** to allow you to configure the audio settings to your requirements for the best performance in games, music and movies.

Sound Blaster X-Fi MB-3 Audio AP Installation

1. Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User's Manual* disc into the CD/DVD drive.
2. Click **Option Drivers** (button).
3. Click **7. Install SBX-Fi MB 3 AP > Yes**.
4. Click **Next > Yes** to accept the license.
5. Click **Next > Full Installation** (button).
6. Click **Next > Finish** to restart the computer.

Run the **Sound Blaster X-Fi 3** control panel from the notification area of the taskbar (or from the item in the Start menu). Click on the tabs to access the any of the control panel menus.

Figure 7 - 51
**Sound Blaster X-Fi
MB 3**
**(Taskbar
Notification Area
Icon)**



Volume Controls

You can click on the volume dials to adjust the level for either the microphone or master volume. You can choose to save the settings for **Music**, **Movie** or **Game**, and these settings can be exported or imported as required.



Figure 7 - 52
Sound Blaster X-Fi 3
Volume Controls

Smart Volume Setting

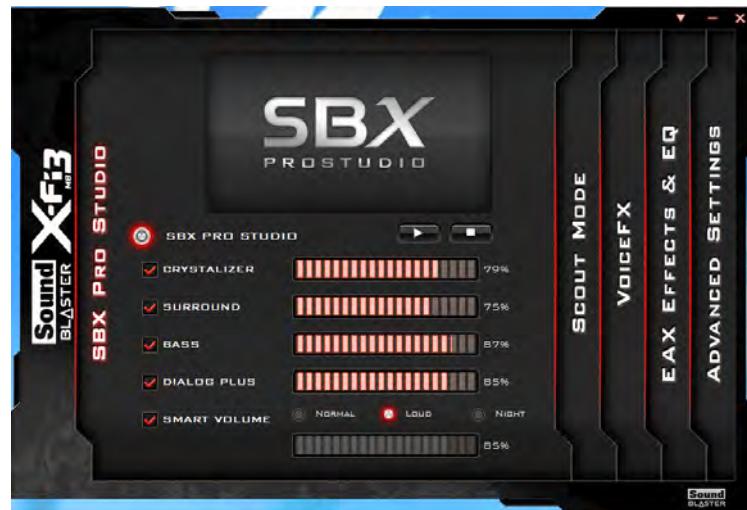
The default setting for **Smart Volume** in **SBX Pro Studio** is set to **Normal**.

To get the full effect of this setting it is recommended that you set it to **Loud**.

Figure 7 - 53
Sound Blaster X-Fi 3
SBX Pro Studio

SBX Pro Studio

Click the tickbox to enable/disable the control, and use the slider to adjust the levels. Press the play  button to test settings.



- **Crystallizer:** Enhances audio to make it sound livelier.
- **Surround:** Provides virtual sound channels to control the level of immersion.
- **Bass:** Enhances the bass level of the sound system.
- **Dialog Plus:** Enhances dialogue levels for movies etc.
- **Smart Volume:** Minimizes sudden volume changes to avoid the need for constant adjustment. It is recommended that this is set to **Loud** (see sidebar).

Scout Mode

Click in the box to enable **Scout Mode** to enhance your ability to hear enemies in games from a further distance away than would normally be possible.



Figure 7 - 54
Sound Blaster X-Fi 3
Scout Mode

Voice FX

Click in the box to enable **Voice FX** and click on the sliders to adjust the settings. Select the mode required from the dropdown, and click on **Test** to hear the playback of the effect.

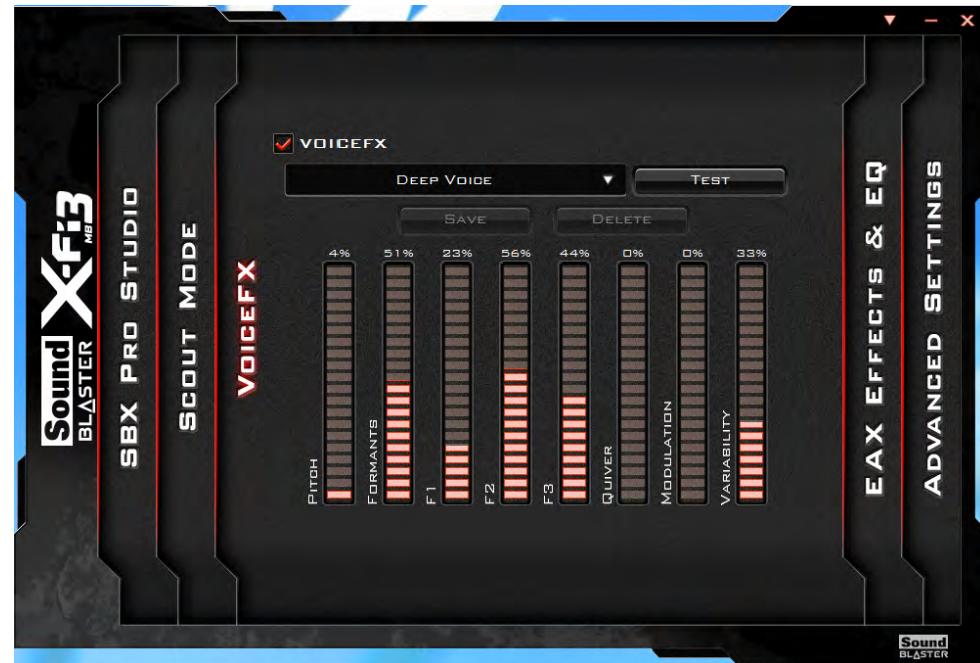


Figure 7 - 55
Sound Blaster X-Fi 3
Voice FX

EAX Effects & EQ

Click to select either/or **EAX Effects** or **EQ**, select the mode required from the drop-box and click on the sliders to adjust the settings. Click on **Save** to save any custom changes to the set levels and effects.

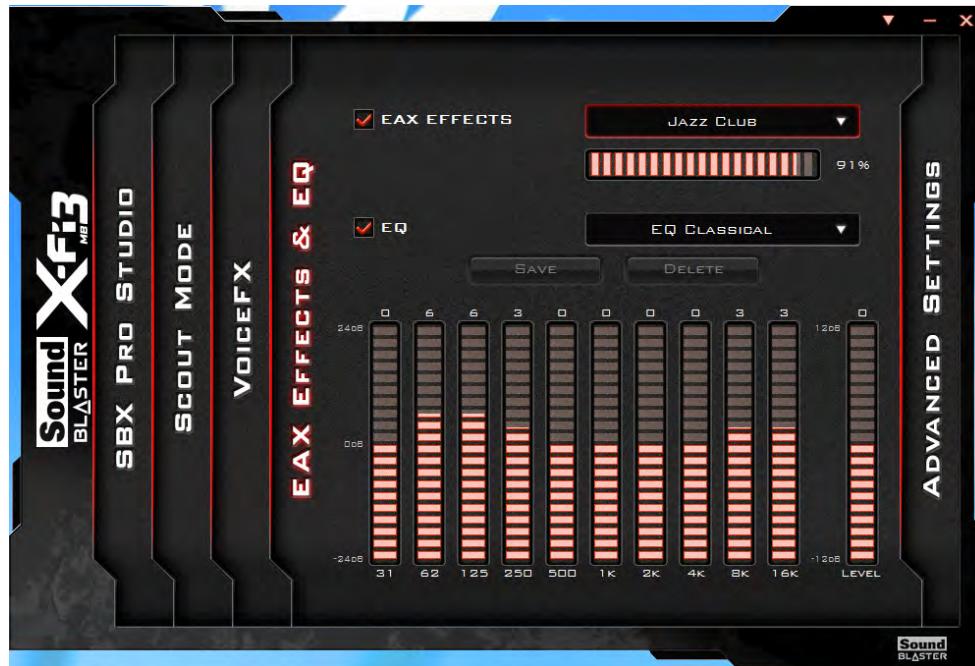


Figure 7 - 56
Sound Blaster X-Fi 3
EAX Effects & EQ

Advanced Settings

Select the speaker/headphone configuration from the dropdown, and click on **Test** to hear the effect. You can also adjust the **Bass Management** by clicking the **Bass Redirection** and **Subwoofer Gain**, and click on the slider to adjust the **Crossover Frequency**.

Figure 7 - 57
Sound Blaster X-Fi 3
Advanced Settings



Hot Key Configuration

Click **Configure Hot Keys** in **Scout Mode** or **Advanced Settings** menus to access the **Hot Key Configuration** menu. Click **Enable All Hot Keys**, and then click on the task and press the key sequence required. Any hotkeys chosen will be locked by the application, and therefore will not be able to be used in other applications.

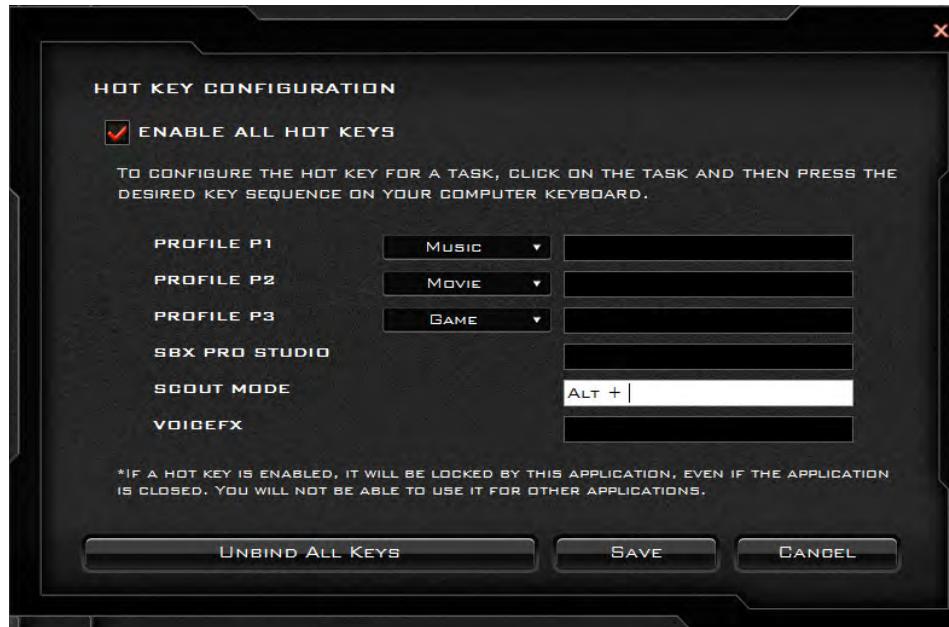


Figure 7 - 58
Sound Blaster X-Fi 3
Hot Key
Configuration

Creative ALchemy

The Creative ALchemy application can be run from the shortcut in the **Start** menu. Use the left menu to select any installed games and click the button to move them to the right column to enable ALchemy support for the game. Creative ALchemy restores hardware accelerated audio to enable EAX effects and 3D Audio when playing Direct Sound3D games.

Creative Software AutoUpdate

Run the application from the shortcut in the **Start** menu and make sure you are connected to the internet, then click **Next** and follow the on screen instructions to update the software.

Sound Blaster Audio & HDMI

1. When you connect an HDMI display to the HDMI-Out port, the Sound Blaster Cinema controls will be disabled.
2. A warning box will pop-up and will prompt “***...Do you want to select another audio device now?***”.
3. Click **No** to continue using the HDMI audio output from your external display (do not attempt to select another audio device when connected to the external HDMI display).

Chapter 8: Troubleshooting

Overview

Should you have any problems with your computer, before consulting your service representative, you may want to try to solve the problem yourself. This chapter lists some common problems and their possible solutions. This can't anticipate every problem, but you should check here before you panic. If you don't find the answer in these pages, make sure you have followed the instructions carefully and observed the safety precautions in the preface. If all else fails, talk to your service representative. You should also make a record of what happened and what remedies you tried.

Of course, if something goes wrong, it will happen at the most inconvenient time possible, so you should preview this section just in case. If, after you've tried everything, and the system still won't cooperate, try turning it off for a few minutes and then rebooting. You will lose any unsaved data, but it may start working again. Then call your service representative.

Basic Hints and Tips

Many of the following may seem obvious but they are often the solution to a problem when your computer appears not to be working.

- **Power** - Is the computer actually plugged into a working electrical outlet? If plugged into a **power strip**, make sure it is actually working. Check the **LED Power Indicators** (see “*LED Indicators*” on page 1 - 11) to see the computer’s power status.
- **Connections** - Check all the **cables** to make sure that there are no **loose connections** anywhere.
- **Power Savings** - Make sure that the system is not in **Hibernate** or **Sleep** mode by pressing the keys configured in your *Power Options* (see “*Configuring the Power Buttons*” on page 3 - 8), the **Fn + F4** key combination, or power button to wake-up the system.
- **Brightness** - Check the brightness of the screen by pressing the **Fn + F8 and F9** keys to adjust the brightness (see *Table 1 - 6, on page 1 - 18*).
- **Display Choice** - Press **Fn + F7** to make sure the system is not set to “external only” display.
- **Boot Drive** - Make sure there are no **optical media and/or USB storage devices** in any connected drive when you start up your machine (this is a common cause of the message “*Invalid system disk - Replace the disk, and then press any key*” / “*Remove disks or other media. Press any key to restart*”).

Backup and General Maintenance

- Always **backup** your important data, and keep copies of your OS and programs safe, but close to hand. Don't forget to note the **serial numbers** if you are storing them out of their original cases, e.g. in a CD wallet.
- Run **maintenance programs** on your hard disk and OS as often as you can. You may schedule these programs to run at times when you are not using your computer. You can use those that are provided free with your OS, or buy the more powerful dedicated programs to do so.
- Write down your passwords and keep them safe (away from your computer). This is especially important if you choose to use a **Boot** password for the SCU (see *“Security Menu” on page 5 - 11*).
- Keep copies of vital **settings files** such as network, dialup settings, mail settings etc. (even if just brief notes).



Warranty

The CPU is not a user serviceable part. Opening this compartment, or accessing the CPU in any way, may violate your warranty.

Viruses

- Install an **Anti-Virus** program and keep the **definitions file** (the file which tells your program which viruses to look for) up to date. New computer viruses are discovered daily, and some of them may seriously harm your computer and cause you to lose data. **Anti-Virus** programs are commercially available and the **definitions file updates** are usually downloadable directly from the internet.
- Be careful when opening e-mail from sources you don't know. **Viruses** are often triggered from within **e-mail attachments** so take care when opening any attached file. You can configure most **Anti-Virus** programs to check all **e-mail attachments**. **Note:** You should also beware of files from people you know as the virus may have infected an **address book** and been automatically forwarded without the person's knowledge.
- Keep a “**Bootable CD-ROM/DVD-ROM/USB storage device**” (this CD/DVD/USB device provides basic information which allows you to startup your computer) handy. You may refer to your OS's documentation for instructions on how to make one, and many **Anti-Virus** programs will also provide such a disk (or at least instructions on how to make one).

Upgrading and Adding New Hardware/Software

- Do not be tempted to make changes to your **Windows Registry** unless you are very sure of what you are doing, otherwise you will risk severely damaging your system.
- Don't open your computer or undertake any repair or upgrade work if you are not comfortable with what you are doing.
- Read the **documentation**. We can assume, since you are reading this that you are looking at the computer's manual, but what about any new peripheral devices you have just purchased? Many problems are caused by the installation of new hardware and/or software. Always refer to the documentation of any new hardware and/or software, and pay particular attention to files entitled "**READ ME**" or "**READ ME FIRST**".
- When installing a new device always make sure the device is powered on, and in many cases you will need to restart the computer. Always check that all the cables are correctly connected.
- Make sure you have installed the **drivers** for any new hardware you have installed (latest **driver files** are usually available to download from vendor's websites).
- Thoroughly check any **recent changes** you made to your system as these changes may affect one or more system components, or software programs. If possible, go back and undo the change you just made and see if the problem still occurs.

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- Don't over complicate things. The less you have to deal with then the easier the source of the problem may be found; **Example** - if your computer has many devices plugged into its ports, and a number of programs running, then it will be difficult to determine the cause of a problem. Try disconnecting all of the devices and restarting the computer with all the peripheral devices unplugged. A process of elimination (adding and removing devices and restarting where necessary) will often find the source of a problem, although this may be time consuming.

Problems and Possible Solutions

Problem	Possible Cause - Solution
You turned on the power but it doesn't work.	<i>Battery missing / incorrectly installed.</i> Check the battery bay, make sure the battery is present and seated properly (the design of the battery only allows it to go in one way). Make sure there's nothing interfering with the battery contacts.
The battery LED power indicator  is blinking orange.	<i>Low Battery.</i> Plug in the DC power source. If the computer doesn't start up immediately, turn it off then on again.
You are losing battery power too quickly.	<i>The system is using too much power.</i> If your OS has a Power Options scheme (see " Power Plans " on page 3 - 4) check its settings. You may also be using a peripheral device/USB device that is drawing a lot of power.
Actual battery operating time is shorter than expected.	<p><i>The battery has not been fully discharged before being recharged.</i> Make sure the battery is fully discharged and recharge it completely before reusing (see "Battery Information" on page 3 - 13).</p> <p><i>Power Options have been disabled.</i> Go to the Control Panel in Windows and re-enable the options.</p> <p><i>A peripheral device/USB device is consuming a lot of power.</i> Turn off/remove the unused device to save power.</p>

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Problem	Possible Cause - Solution
The computer feels too hot .	<p>Make sure the computer is properly ventilated and the Vent/Fan intakes are not blocked. If this doesn't cool it down, put the system into Hibernate mode or turn it off for an hour. Make sure the computer isn't sitting on a thermal surface (see "Overheating on page 1 - 25/1 - 27"). Make sure you're using the correct adapter.</p> <p>Make sure that your notebook is completely powered off before putting it into a travel bag (or any such container). Putting a notebook which is powered on in a travel bag may cause the Vent/Fan intakes to be blocked.</p>
Nothing appears on screen.	<p><i>The system is in a power saving mode.</i> Toggle the sleep/resume key combination, Fn + F4 (see "Configuring the Power Buttons" on page 3 - 8).</p> <p><i>The screen controls need to be adjusted.</i> Toggle the screen control key combinations Fn + F8/F9. If you're connected to an external monitor, make sure it's plugged in and turned on. You should also check the monitor's own brightness and contrast controls.</p> <p><i>The computer is set for a different display.</i> Toggle the screen display key combination, Fn + F7. If an external monitor is connected, turn it on.</p> <p><i>The screen saver</i> is activated. Press any key or touch the TouchPad.</p>
No image appears on the external monitor I have plugged in and powered on.	<p><i>You haven't installed the video driver and configured it appropriately from the Control Panel.</i> See Appendix C for instructions on installing and configuring the video driver.</p>

Problem	Possible Cause - Solution
You forget the boot password .	<i>If you forget the password, you may have to discharge the battery of the CMOS. Contact your service representative for help.</i>
 Password Warning <p>If you choose to set a boot password, NEVER forget your password. The consequences of this could be serious. If you cannot remember your boot password you must contact your vendor and you may lose all of the information on your hard disk.</p>	
The sound cannot be heard or the volume is very low .	<i>The volume might be set too low.</i> Check the volume control in the Volume Control Panel in the Windows notification area, or use the key combination Fn + F5 and F6 (see " Function Keys & Visual Indicators " on page 1 - 18) to adjust.
The CD/DVD cannot be read .	<i>The CD/DVD is dirty.</i> Clean it with a CD/DVD cleaner kit.
The CD/DVD tray will not open when there is a disc in the tray.	<i>The CD/DVD is not correctly placed in the tray.</i> Gently try to remove the disc using the eject hole (see " Loading Discs " on page 2 - 3).
The DVD regional codes can no longer be changed.	<i>The code has been changed the maximum 5 times.</i> See " DVD Regional Codes " on page 2 - 5.
Unwelcome numbers appear when typing.	<i>Num Lock is turned ON</i> (see " LED Indicators " on page 1 - 11).

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Problem	Possible Cause - Solution
<p></p> <h3 data-bbox="683 318 898 346">Other Keyboards</h3> <p>If your keyboard is damaged or you just want to make a change, you can use any standard USB keyboard. The system will detect and enable it automatically. However special functions/hot keys unique to the system's regular keyboard may not work.</p>	
The system freezes or the screen goes dark.	<i>The system's power saving features have timed-out.</i> Use the AC/DC adapter, press the sleep (Fn + F4) key combination, or press the power button if no LEDs are lit.
The system never goes into a power saving mode .	Power Options features are not enabled. Go to the Windows Power Options menu and enable the features you prefer (see " "Power-Saving States" on page 3 - 6 "). Make sure you have enabled Hibernate mode from the control panel.
The Wireless LAN/Bluetooth modules cannot be detected.	<i>The modules are off as the computer is in Airplane Mode.</i> Check the LED indicator  to see if it is in Airplane Mode (see " "LED Indicators" on page 1 - 11 "). Use the Fn + F11 key combination to toggle Airplane Mode on/off (see "Table 1 - 6, on page 1 - 18).
The PC Camera module cannot be detected.	<i>The module is off.</i> Press the Fn + F10 key combination in order to enable the module (see " "Function Keys & Visual Indicators" on page 1 - 18 "). Run the camera application to view the camera picture.

Problem	Possible Cause - Solution
The Wireless LAN/Bluetooth modules cannot be configured.	The driver(s) for the module(s) have not been installed. Make sure you have installed the driver for the appropriate module (see the instructions for the appropriate module in "Wireless LAN Module" on page 7 - 19 and/or "Bluetooth & WLAN Combo Module" on page 7 - 39).
A file cannot be copied to/from a connected Bluetooth device.	<i>The transfer of data between the computer and a Bluetooth enabled device is supported in one direction only (simultaneous data transfer is not supported). If you are copying a file from your computer to a Bluetooth enabled device, you will not be able to copy a file from the Bluetooth enabled device to your computer until the file transfer process has been completed</i>
I cannot obtain high speed Bluetooth data transfer.	<i>To obtain high speed Bluetooth data transfer take into account the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="605 571 1448 660">• To achieve high speed transfer speeds, both devices must support high speed data transfer (i.e both the computer and the Bluetooth compatible device you are connecting to).<li data-bbox="605 660 1448 727">• Check your Bluetooth compatible device's documentation to confirm it supports high speed data transfer, and for configuration information.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause - Solution
The computer is off (or in Sleep Mode) but powered by the AC/DC adapter plugged in to a working outlet, or by battery with a capacity above 20%. I have plugged a device into the powered USB port in order to charge it, but the device is not charging.	<p><i>The port is not powered on. Toggle power to the port using the Fn + power button combination.</i></p> <p><i>This function may not work with certain external USB compliant devices (check your device's documentation). If this is the case, power the computer on and connect the external USB device in order to charge it.</i></p> <p><i>Note that this function is designed to help charge USB compliant devices, but is not designed to allow their operation.</i></p>
No sound can be heard through an HDMI connected display.	<i>You have not configured the HDMI audio output. See "HDMI Audio Configuration" on page C - 34.</i>
Audio Volume is too low when listening through headphones .	<i>You have set the Speaker Configuration to 5.1 or 7.1 Speaker. It is recommended that you set the Speaker Configuration to Stereo (not to 5.1 or 7.1 Speaker) when listening through headphones in order to maximize audio quality. See "Audio Features" on page 2 - 7.</i>
The Sound Blaster audio controls don't work when the system is connected to an external display through an HDMI cable.	<i>Note that Sound Blaster Audio will be disabled when you are connecting to an external display through an HDMI connection. See "Sound Blaster Audio & HDMI" on page C - 36.</i>

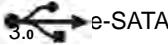
Appendix A: Interface (Ports & Jacks)

Overview

The following chapter will give a quick description of the ports & jacks which allow your computer to communicate with external devices, connect to the internet etc.

Interface (Ports & Jacks)

Ports and Jacks

Item	Description
 Card Reader	The card reader allows you to use the following digital storage cards: MMC (MultiMedia Card) / RSMMC SD (Secure Digital) / Mini SD / SDHC / SDXC MS (Memory Stick) / MS Pro / MS Duo Push the card into the slot and it will appear as a removable device.
 DC-In Jack	Plug the supplied AC/DC adapter into this jack to power your computer.
 DisplayPort / Mini DisplayPort	The DisplayPort is a digital display interface standard that allows a digital audio/video interconnect, between the computer and its external display or a home-theater system. The Mini DisplayPort is a miniaturized version of the DisplayPort.
 e-SATA / USB 3.0 Combo Port	This e-SATA (external Serial Advanced Technology Attachment) port allows you to plug-in external Serial ATA hard drives. This port also serves as a USB 3.0 port.

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Item	Description
HDMI-Out Port 	The HDMI-Out (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) port is an audio/video connector interface for transmitting uncompressed digital streams. This allows you to connect an external monitor, TV or Flat Panel Display etc. as a display device (see " "Attaching Other Displays" on page C - 21) by means of a HDMI cable. Note that HDMI carries both audio and video signals.
Headphone-Out Jack 	Headphones or speakers may be connected through this jack. Note: Set your system's volume to a reduced level before connecting to this jack.
Line-In Jack 	The Line-In jack allows you to play audio sources through the computer's speakers. Note that audio input through Line-in will default to the mute setting. To set up your audio sources to play through the Line-in jack go to the Sound  control panel and make sure the Mute box is not ticked.
Microphone-In Jack 	Plug an external microphone in to this jack to record on your computer.

Interface (Ports & Jacks)

Item	Description
Mini-IEEE 1394a Port 	<p>This allows high-speed connection to various peripheral devices, e.g. external disk drives and digital cameras (see note below).</p> <p>IEEE 1394a The Mini-IEEE 1394 ports only support SELF POWERED IEEE 1394 devices.</p>
RJ-45 LAN Jack 	<p>This port supports LAN (Network) functions.</p> <p>Note: Broadband (e.g. ADSL) modems usually connect to the LAN port.</p>
S/PDIF-Out Jack 	<p>This S/PDIF (Sony/Philips Digital Interface Format) Out Port allows you to connect your DVD-capable PC to a Dolby AC-3 compatible receiver for "5.1" or 'dts' surround sound.</p>
Security Lock Slot 	<p>To prevent possible theft, a Kensington-type lock can be attached to this slot. Locks can be purchased at any computer store.</p>

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Item	Description
USB 2.0/1.1 Ports  USB 3.0 Port  3.0	<p>These USB (Universal Serial Bus) 2.0 compatible ports (USB 2.0 is fully USB 1.1 compliant) are for low-speed peripherals such as keyboards, mice or scanners, and for high-speed peripherals such as external HDDs, digital video cameras or high-speed scanners etc. Devices can be plugged into the computer, and unplugged from the computer, without the need to turn the system off (if the power rating of your USB device is 500mA or above, make sure you use the power supply which comes with the device).</p>
Powered USB 3.0 Port  3.0	<p>The USB 3.0 ports are denoted by their blue color; USB 2.0 ports are colored black. USB 3.0 will transfer data much faster than USB 2.0, and is backwards-compatible with USB 2.0.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> The powered USB 3.0 port (see Figure 1 - 13 on page 1 - 23) may be toggled on /off by means of the Fn + Power Button key combination. When the powered USB port is on it will supply power (for charging devices only, not for operating devices) when the system is off but still powered by the AC/DC adapter plugged into a working outlet, or powered by the battery with a capacity level above 20% (this may not work with certain devices - see page 8 - 12).</p> <p>Note: This function is designed to help charge USB compliant devices, but is not designed to allow their operation.</p>

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Appendix B: Control Center

Overview

The following chapter will give a quick description of the functions of the **Control Center**. The **Control Center** gives quick access to frequently used controls, power management features and enables you to quickly turn modules on/off. Click the **Control Center** icons to toggle the appropriate function, or hold the mouse button down and move the slider where applicable. Certain functions will automatically be adjusted when a power mode is selected. The **Control Center** in *Windows 8* works under the **Desktop** app and not under the Start screen.



Figure B - 1 - Control Center

Control Center

Power Modes

You can set a **Power Mode** by clicking the appropriate icon at the top of the **Control Center**. Each power mode will affect screen brightness, Touchpad and PC camera power etc.

You can click a **Control Center** icon to set an overall power mode and then click individual icons in the **Control Center** to power on/off the Touchpad and PC camera.

Modes		Power Saving	Entertainment	Quiet	Performance	User Defined
Icon						
Power Plan		Power Saver	Power Saving	Power Saving	High Performance	
Power Conservation Mode		Energy Star	Energy Star	Energy Star	Performance	
Brightness		10	100	40	100	
PC Camera		OFF	OFF	ON	ON	
TouchPad		ON	ON	ON	ON	

Table B - 1- Power Modes

Power Status

The **Power Status** icon will show whether you are currently powered by the battery, or by the AC/DC adapter plugged in to a working power outlet. The power status bar will show the current battery charge state.

Brightness

The **Brightness** icon will show the current screen brightness level. You can use the slider to adjust the screen brightness or the **Fn + F8/F9** key combinations, or use the **Fn + F2** key combination to turn off the LED backlight (press any key to turn it on again). Note that screen brightness is also effected by the **Power Mode** selected (see *Table B - 1, on page B - 2*).

Volume

The **Volume** icon will show the current volume level. You can use the slider to adjust the Volume or the **Fn + F5/F6** key combinations, or use the **Fn + F3** key combination to mute the volume.

Power Conservation

This system supports **Energy Star** power management features that place computers (CPU, hard drive, etc.) into a low-power sleep modes after a designated period of inactivity (see "*Power Conservation Modes*" on page 3 - 11). Click either the **Performance**, **Balanced** or **Energy Star** button.



Control Center

Sleep

Click the **Sleep** button to bring up the **Hibernate**  or **Sleep**  buttons, and click either button to have the computer enter the appropriate power-saving mode (see “*Power-Saving States*” on page 3 - 6).

Display Switch

Click the **Display Switch** button to access the menu (or use the  + P key combination) and select the appropriate attached display mode.

Time Zone

Clicking the **Time Zone** button will access the **Date and Time Windows** control panel.

Desktop Background

Clicking the **Desktop Background** button will allow you to change the desktop background picture.

TouchPad/PC Camera

Click either of these buttons to toggle the TouchPad or camera module’s power status. A crossed out icon will appear over the top left of the icon  when it is off. Note that the power status of the camera module is also effected by the **Power Mode** selected (see *Table B - 1, on page B - 2*).

Caps Lock/Scroll Lock/ Number Lock

Click the button to toggle the appropriate lock mode.

Appendix C: Video Driver Controls

The basic settings for configuring the LCD are outlined in [“Video Features” on page 1 - 40](#).

Video Driver Installation

Make sure you install the drivers in the order indicated in [Table 4 - 1, on page 4 - 3](#). Insert the *Device Drivers & Utilities + User’s Manual* disc and click **Install Drivers** (button).

Video (VGA)

1. Click **2.Install VGA Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **Next > Yes > Next > Next**.
3. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

NVIDIA Video (VGA)

1. Click **3.Install NVIDIA VGA Driver > Yes**.
2. Click **AGREE AND CONTINUE** (button) to accept the terms of the license agreement.
3. Click **Next**.
4. Click the **Close** button to complete the installation.



Video Card Options

Note that card types, specifications and drivers are subject to continual updates and changes. Check with your distributor/supplier for the latest details on video cards supported (see [“Video Adapter Options” on page D - 2](#)).

iGPU or dGPU

Note the NVIDIA control panel refers to **High-performance NVIDIA processor** (which is the discrete GPU) and **Integrated graphics** (which is the integrated GPU).

NVIDIA® Optimus™ Technology

Most notebook computers come with either a **discrete** or **integrated** graphics solution.

Discrete graphics solutions feature a dedicated Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) which are capable of playing games, watching HD video or running GPU-based applications. However computers with discrete graphics solutions tend to be heavy in power consumption, and slightly larger in size in order to incorporate the dedicated discrete GPU.

Integrated graphics solutions usually feature memory sharing technology to help save power consumption and allow for longer battery life. However computers with integrated graphics solutions will not usually run games, HD video or GPU-based applications without severe limitations.

Nvidia® Optimus™ technology is a seamless technology designed to get best performance from the graphics system while allowing longer battery life, without having to manually change settings. Thus when an application is run that requires extra performance or quality, then the system will run the discrete GPU (dGPU); when the system does not require such enhanced performance it will let the integrated (iGPU) handle it.

How Optimus Technology works

When the system is powered up and is displaying just the desktop, the dGPU will be powered off. In this case the system is running in the same way as a system without a discrete graphics solution. However when an application that requires use of the dGPU is run (e.g, a game or HD Video), the dGPU is powered on and takes over the processing duties. If the program is closed, then the dGPU will be powered back down again until required.

The **GPU LED indicator** will display which GPU is currently in use.



Customization Options

Although **Optimus** is completely seamless to the user, NVIDIA also allow customization options within the control panel (see page [C - 28](#)).

Icon	Color	Description
	Off	Integrated GPU (iGPU) Activated
	Blue/White	Discrete GPU (dGPU) Activated

Table C - 1
GPU LED Indicator

Intel® Dynamic Video Memory Technology

Intel® DVMT automatically and dynamically allocates as much (up to **1748MB**) system memory (RAM) as needed to the integrated video system (**the video driver must be installed**). DVMT returns whatever memory is no longer needed to the operating system.

Intel® Graphics & Media Control Panel

Advanced video configuration options are provided by the **Intel® HD Graphics Control Panel**. To access the control panel see below and overleaf:

1. Click the **Intel® Graphics and Media Control Panel** icon in the **Start** screen.



Figure C - 1
Start Screen
Intel® G&M Control
Panel

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OR

2. Right-click the **Desktop** and select **Graphics Properties** from the menu.

OR

3. Click **Advanced settings** in the **Screen Resolution** control panel in **Windows**.
4. Click the **Intel(R) HD Graphics Control Panel** tab and click **Graphics Properties** (button).
5. Double-click the **Intel(R) HD Graphics** control panel in the **Windows Control Panel**.

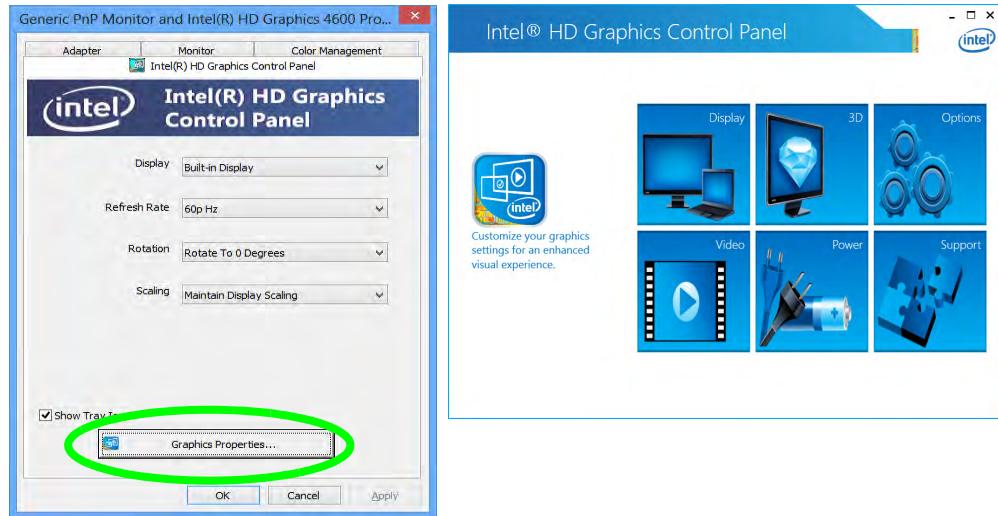


Figure C - 2
Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel

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You may make changes to any of the graphics properties by clicking the appropriate menu panel and adjusting the settings on the right.



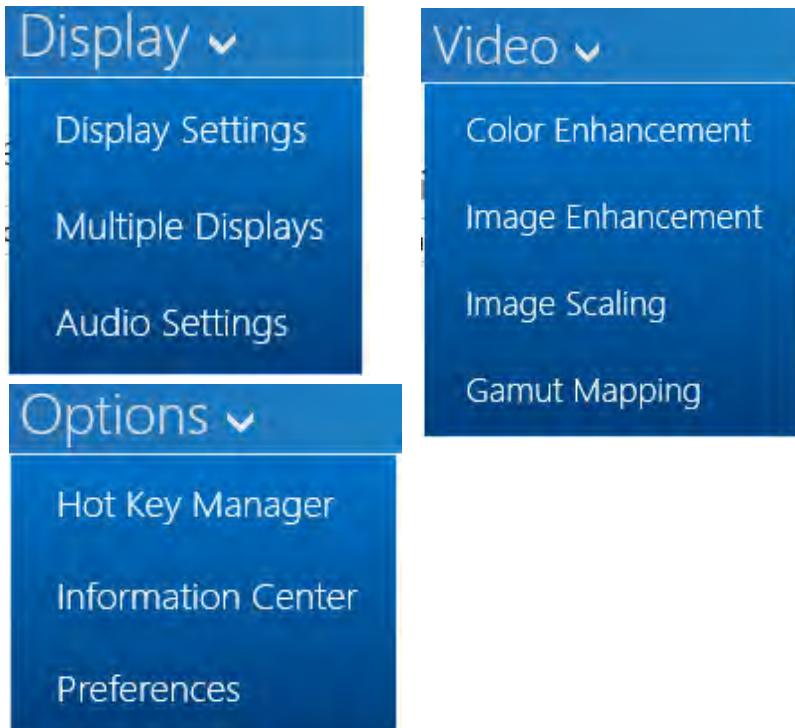
Figure C - 3
**Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel**

Video Driver Controls

Sub-Menus

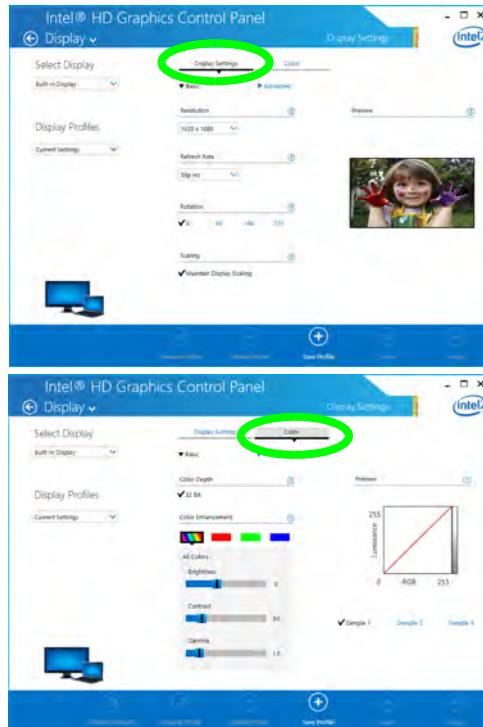
Some of the menu panels will also have sub-menus (in the top left corner of the menu alongside the icon ) to display further configuration options.

Figure C - 4
Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel
Sub-Menus



Display

Click either **Display Settings** or **Color** to make display adjustments, including configuration for any attached external displays.



Multiple Display

At least one other display must be attached in order to view multiple display selection options.

Figure C - 5
**Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel
Display Settings**

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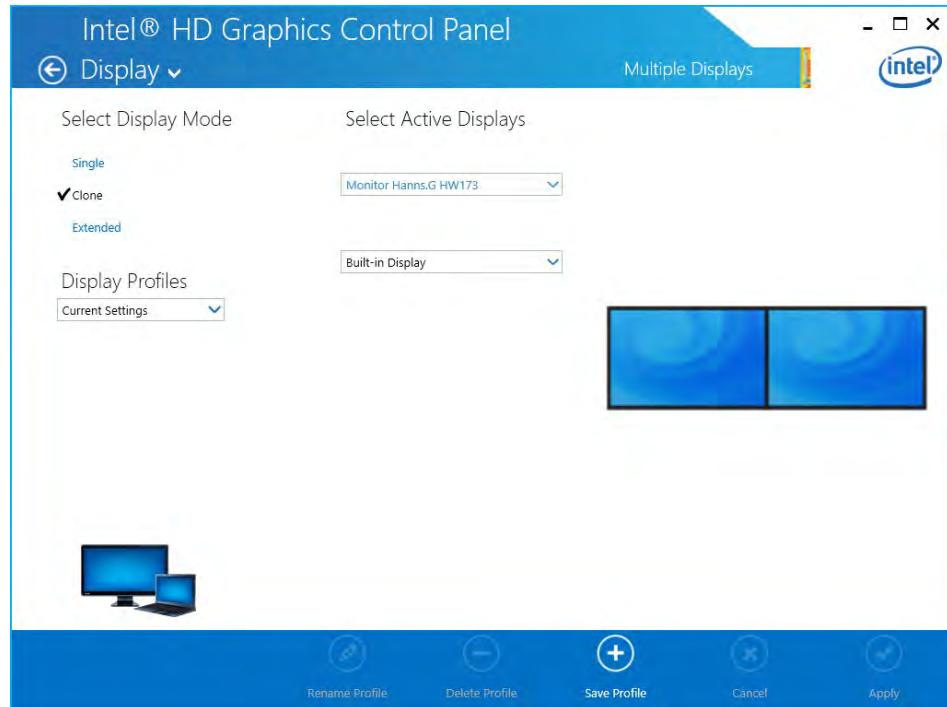


Multiple Display

At least one other display must be attached in order to view multiple display selection options.

Figure C - 6
Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel
Display Settings -
Multiple Displays

Click the **Display** menu at the top of the screen to display the sub-menus. The **Multiple Displays** menu allows you to configure the display mode of any attached displays (see “*Attaching Other Displays*” on page C - 21).



The **Audio** sub-menu allows you to configure the capability mode of any attached displays if applicable (i.e. the attached display supports audio). **Enable Audio Without Video** to keep audio on when the display blanks out for power saving purposes.

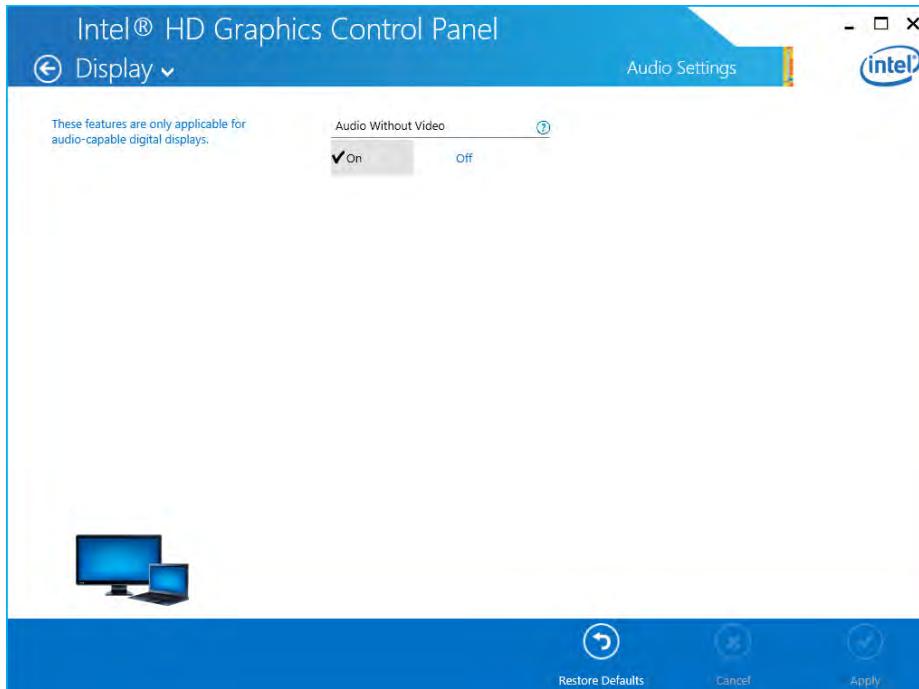


Figure C - 7
Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel
Display Settings -
Audio

Video Driver Controls

3D

This menu allows you to choose how 3D images are displayed. **Quality** displays the most detail, **Balanced** provides better computer performance with good quality and **Custom** allows you to configure the **Anisotropic Filtering**, **Vertical Sync** and **Anti-Aliasing** features to your preferences. Click **Apply** to save changes.

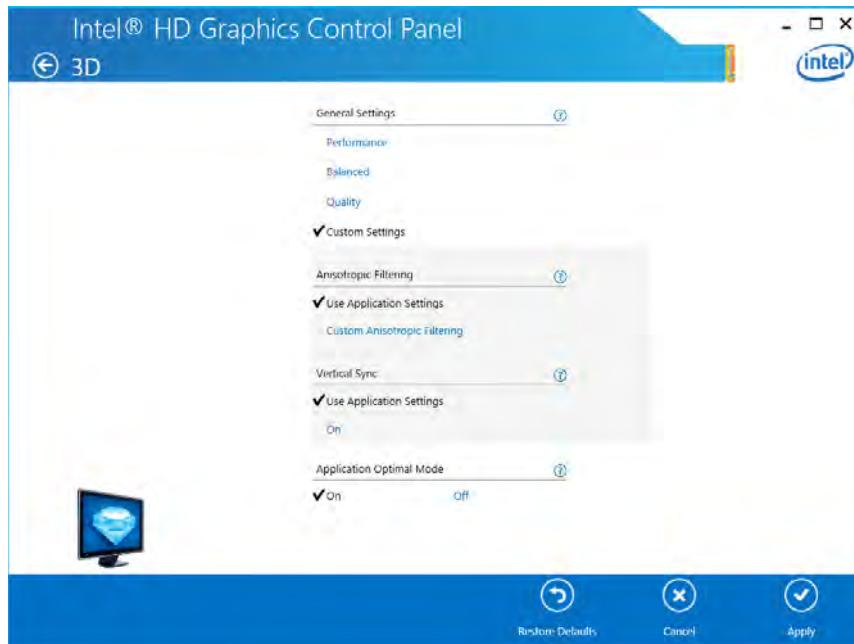


Figure C - 8
Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel 3D

Options

Options allows you to **Customize Hot Keys** (for opening the application, rotating the display, scaling etc.,) to your preferences. Click **Apply** to save changes.

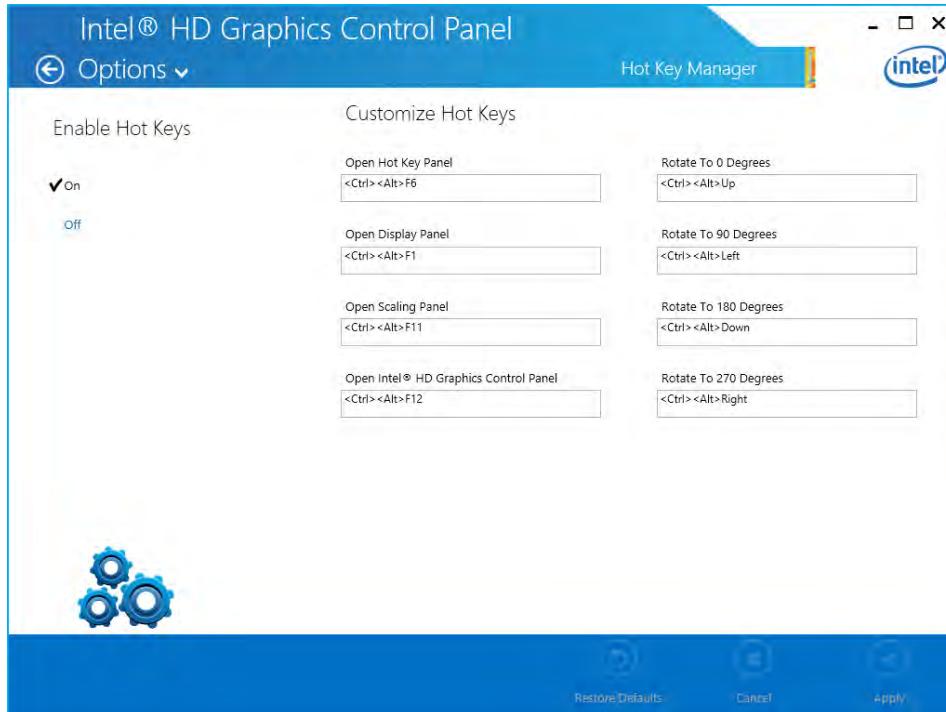


Figure C - 9
Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel
Options

Video Driver Controls



Preferences

Go to the **Preferences** sub-menu in Options to configure the preferences for the Intel® HD Graphics Control Panel.

Make sure you turn **Tray Icon On** to display the Intel® HD Graphics Control Panel icon in the notification area of the taskbar (as below).



Click the **Options** menu at the top of the screen to display the sub-menus. The **Information Center** provides details on **System Information**, the **Built-In Display** and any attached **displays**.

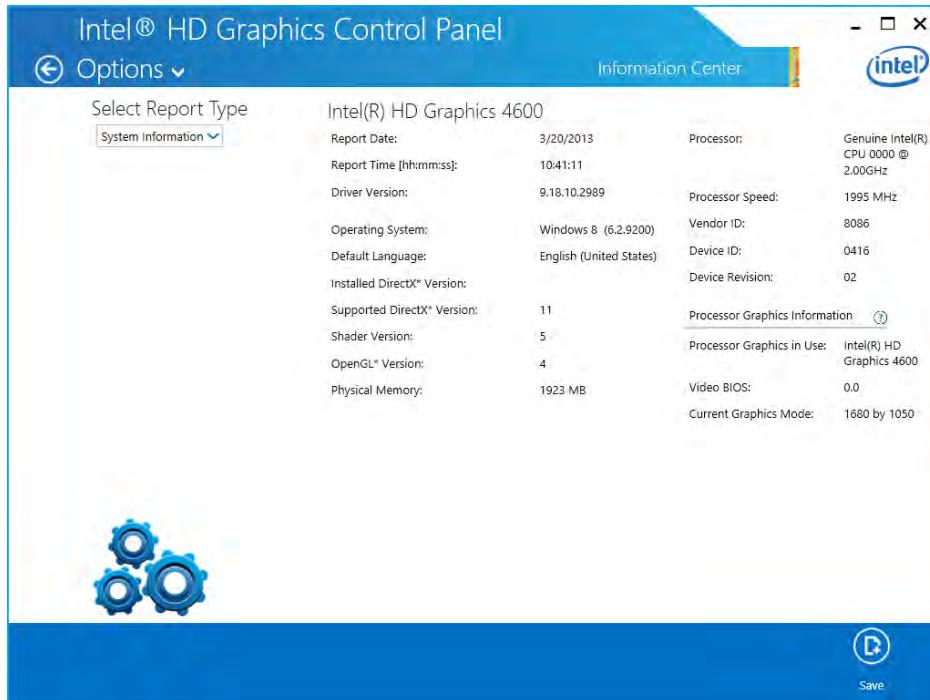


Figure C - 10

Intel® HD Graphics Control Panel Options - Information Center

Video

The **Video Profiles** menu allows you to brighten or darken movies, or to switch to vivid colors. Click **Basic** or **Advanced** to adjust the video settings based on the **Application Settings** or **Driver Settings**. The **Preview** image will display a sample image using the current settings. You can **Save Profile** and name the Profile to recall the settings at any time. Click **Apply** to save changes.

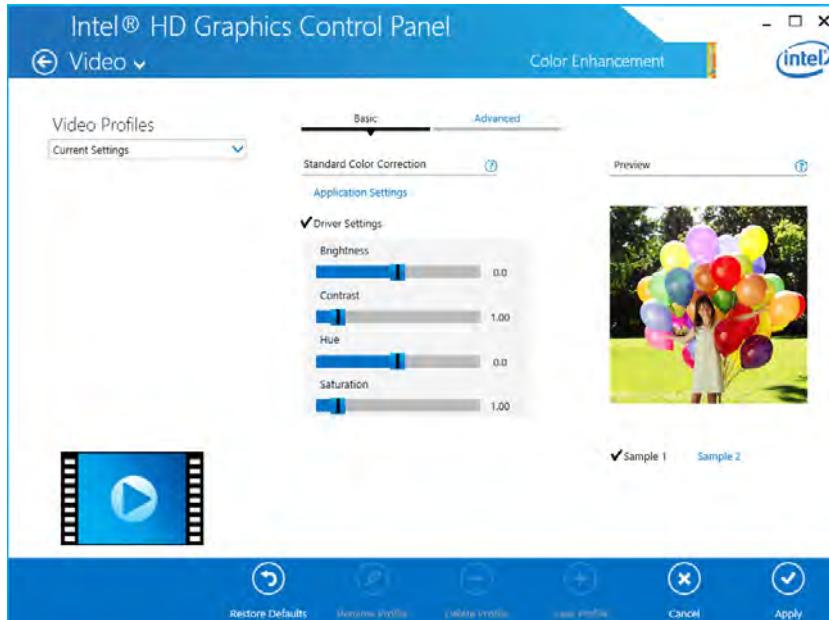
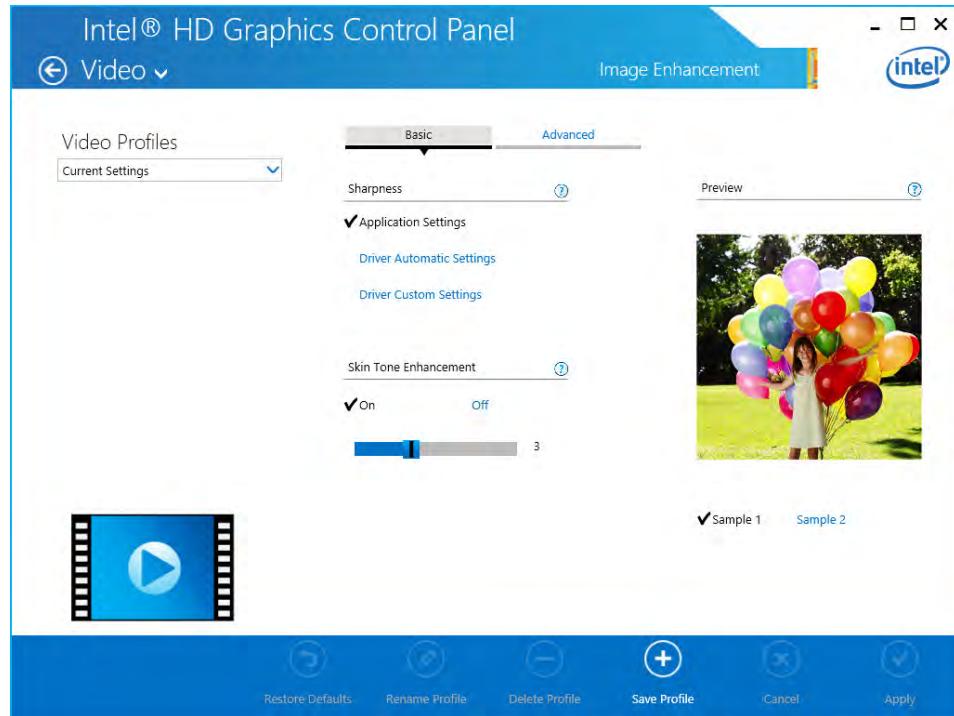


Figure C - 11
Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel Video
(Basic - Driver
Settings)

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Click the **Video** menu at the top of the screen to display the sub-menus. The **Image Enhancement** menu allows you to adjust the **Sharpness**, **Skin Tone Enhancement**, **Noise Reduction** etc. Click **Apply** to save changes.

Figure C - 12
Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel Video
Image
Enhancement Basic



The **Image Scaling** and **Gamut Mapping** menus allow you to adjust these items.

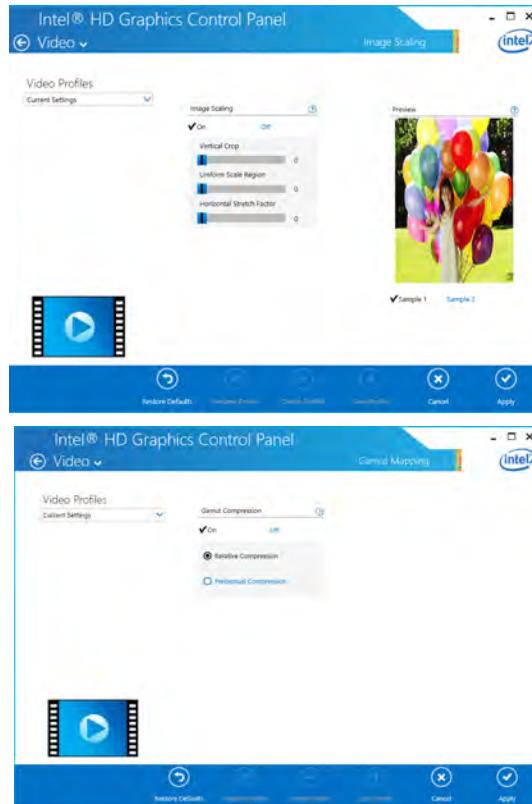


Figure C - 13
**Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel Video
Image Scaling &
Gamut Mapping**

Video Driver Controls

Power

Choose a Power Plan for when the computer is **Plugged in** or **On battery**. When turned on, the **Display Power Saving Technology** (which adjusts the backlight intensity) battery settings may be adjusted by means of the slider towards **Maximum Quality** or **Maximum Battery**. Click on **Apply** to save changes.

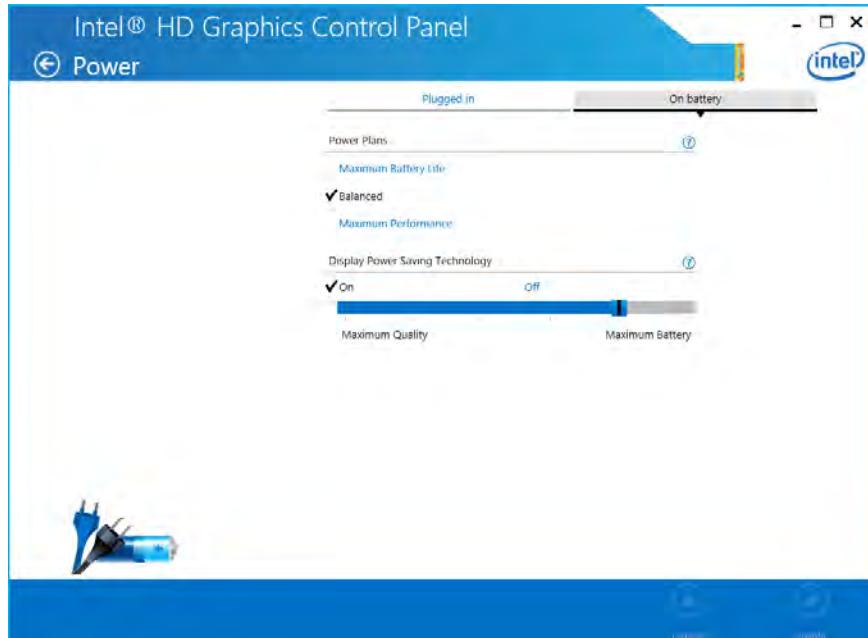


Figure C - 14
Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel Power
(Battery Settings)

Support

Click **Support** and select an item from the menus to bring up the help and support topics. You will need to be connected to the Internet to access the key resource links.

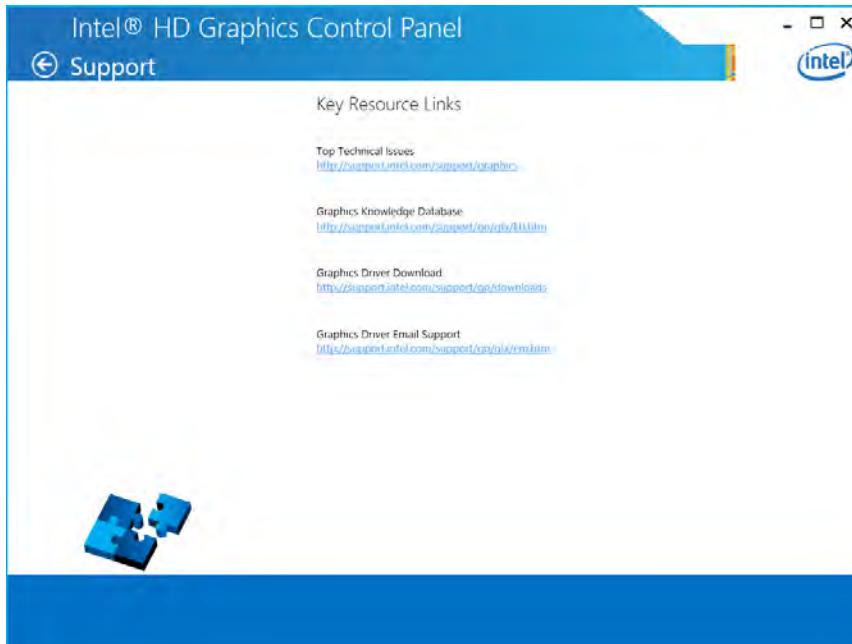


Figure C - 15
Intel® HD Graphics
Control Panel
Support

Display Devices & Options

Note that you can use external displays connected to the HDMI-Out port and/or external display port/mini display port. See your display device manual to see which formats are supported.



Attaching Displays

When you first attach an external display you may find that the desktop does not occupy the full screen area. Use either the display's auto adjust/configure controls, or the Intel(R) HD Graphics Control Panel to configure the full screen display.

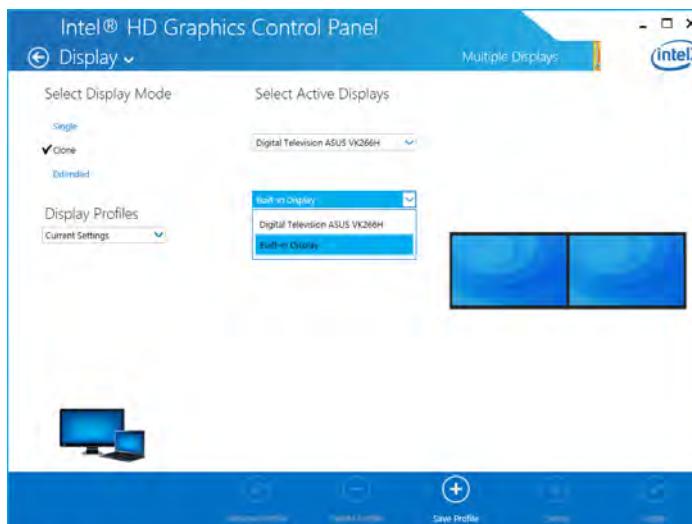
Table C - 2
Display Modes

Display Mode (Intel / Win8)	Description
Single Display	One of the connected displays is used as the display device (PC screen only or Second screen only).
Clone/Duplicate	Both connected displays output the same view and may be configured independently
Extended / Extend	Both connected displays are treated as separate devices, and act as a virtual desktop

Attaching Other Displays

To Clone Displays:

1. Attach your external display to the display port/mini display port/HDMI-Out port, and turn it on.
2. Go to the **Intel(R) HD Graphics Control Panel** control panel and click **Display > Multiple Displays** (sub-menu).
3. Click **Clone** from the **Select Multiple Display Mode** menu.
4. Click **Apply**, and **OK** to confirm the settings change.
5. You can select the **displays to be used** from the **Select Active Displays** menu.



Multiple Display

At least one other display must be attached in order to view **Multiple Display** selection options.

Figure C - 16
Display > Multiple Displays (Clone)

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Display Settings Extended Desktop

You can have different Colors, Screen Area and Monitor Refresh Rates for each display device **provided your monitor can support them.**

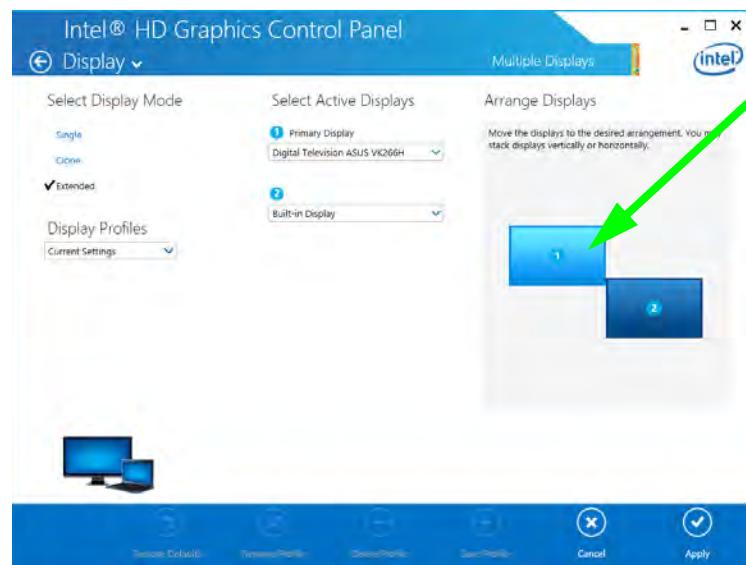
You can drag the monitor icons to match the physical layout of your displays. Icons and programs may also be dragged between the displays.

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Figure C - 17
Display > Multiple
Displays (Extended)

To Enable Extended Mode:

1. Attach your external display to the display port/mini display port/HDMI-Out port, and turn it on.
2. Go to the **Intel(R) HD Graphics Control Panel** control panel and click **Display > Multiple Displays** (sub-menu).
3. Click **Extended** from the **Select Multiple Display Mode** menu.
4. Click **Apply**, and **OK** to confirm the settings change.



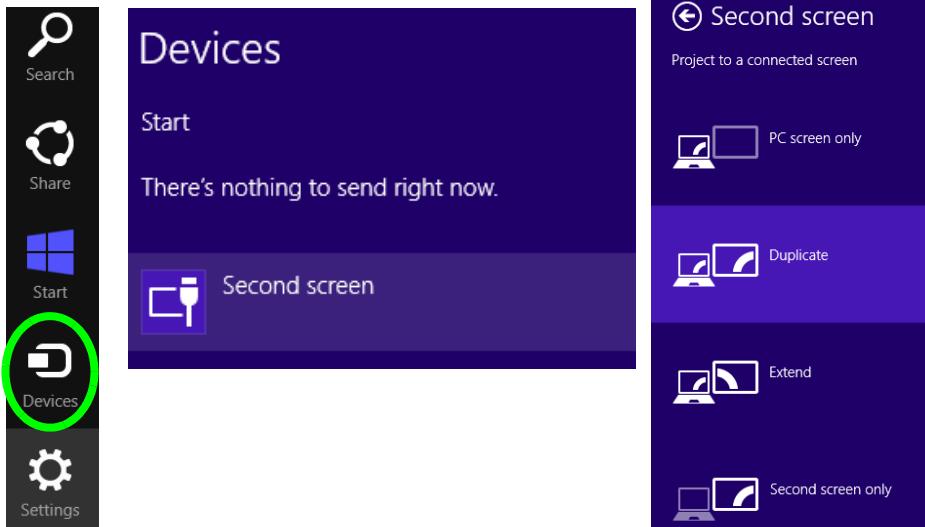
Click the appropriate monitor icon and drag it to match the physical arrangement you wish to use (e.g. the secondary display may be extended left/right/above/below the primary display).

Click **Display Settings** to make any adjustments required.

Attaching Other Displays - Devices (Charms Bar)

You can configure attached displays from **Devices** (in the *Windows 8 Charms Bar*).

1. Attach your external display to the display port/mini display port/HDMI-Out port, and turn it on.
2. Go the **Charms Bar** and select **Devices**.
3. Click **Second Screen**.
4. Click on any one of the options from the menu to select **Duplicate**, **Extend** or a Single (**PC Screen only** or **Second Screen only**) display.



Windows Logo Key

Windows + P Key Combination

You can use the **Windows + P** key combination to quickly bring up the **Second Screen** menu.

You can also use the **Display Switch** button in the **Control Center** to access the menu and select the appropriate attached display mode.

You can also use the **Fn + F7** key combination to quickly access the **Second Screen** menu in *Windows 8*.

Figure C - 18
Second Screen
(Devices)

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Configuring an External Display In Windows

1. Attach your external display to the display port/mini display port/HDMI-Out port, and turn it on.
2. Go to the **Screen resolution** control panel (see page [1 - 32](#)) in the Desktop app.
3. Click the **Detect** button.
4. The computer will then detect any attached displays.

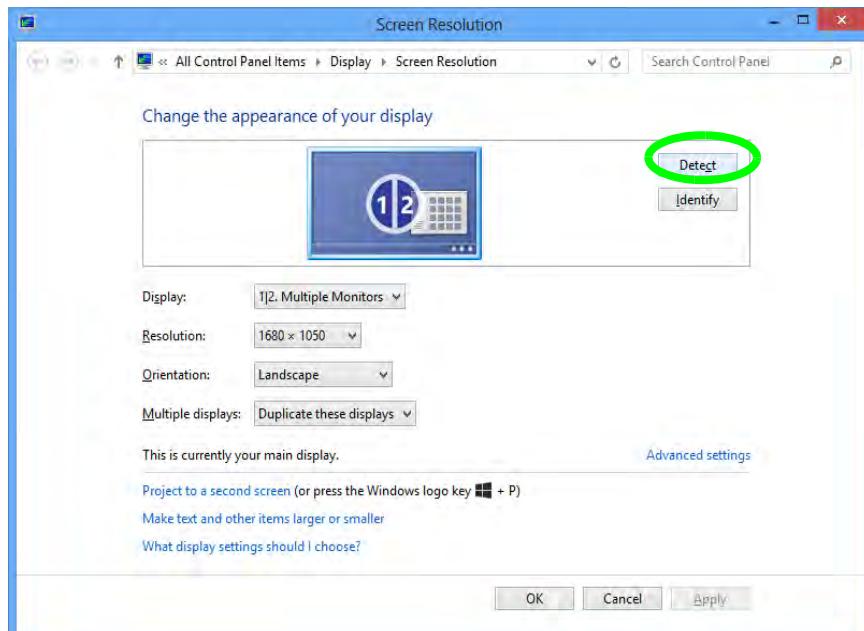


Figure C - 19
Screen Resolution
Multiple Displays

5. You can configure the displays from the **Multiple Displays** menu.

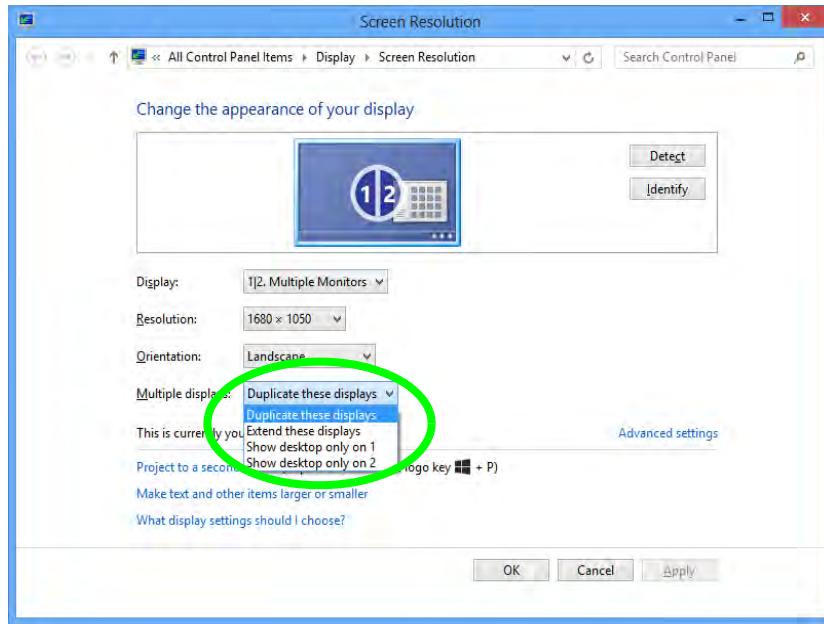


Figure C - 20
Screen Resolution
Multiple Display
Options

- **Duplicate these displays** - Shows an exact copy of the main display desktop on the other display(s)
- **Extend these displays** - Treats both connected displays as **separate** devices
- **Show desktop only on 1/2** - Only one of your displays is used.

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NVIDIA Control Panel

To access the **GeForce.....** control panel from the desktop; right-click the **desktop**, then click **NVIDIA Control Panel**.

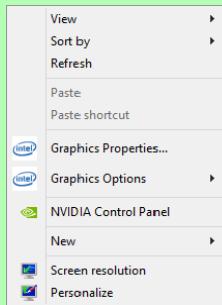


Figure C - 21

NVIDIA Control Panel

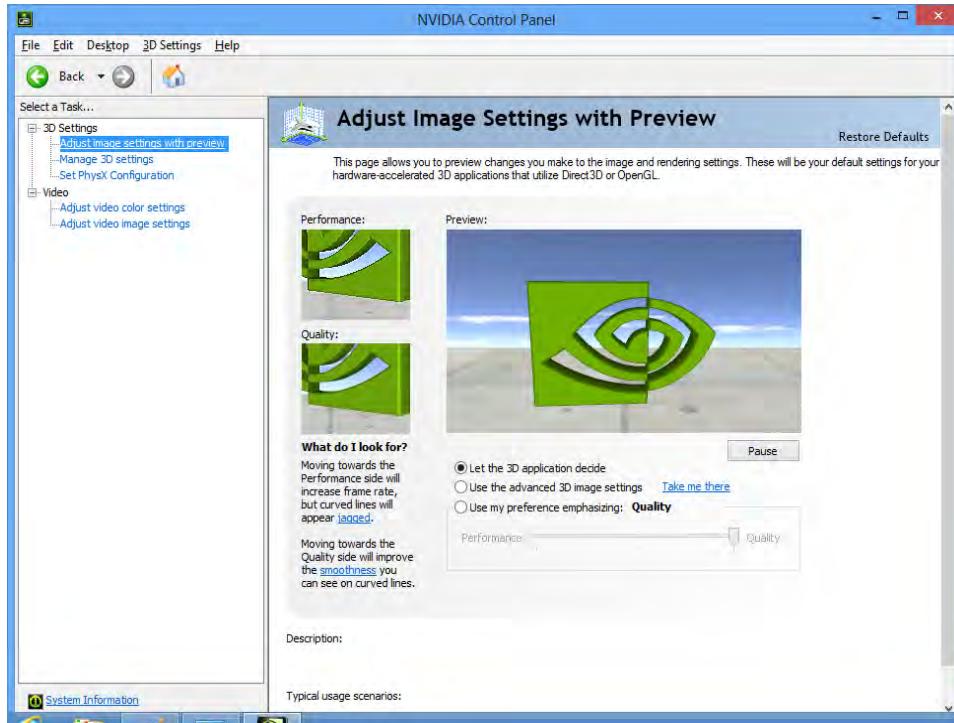
NVIDIA Control Panel

More advanced video configuration options are provided in the **NVIDIA Control Panel** tab.

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click **NVIDIA Control Panel** (click to view the control panel in either **Large icons** or **Small icons** if you are in **Category** view).



The **NVIDIA Control Panel** provides additional video configuration controls and tools which allow quick access to features such as image settings, 3D Settings and video configuration.



Navigating the Control Panel

Navigate through the control panels in much the same way as you would a web page. Click on the sub-headings tasks in the left menu (and on the highlighted links) for information. Use the buttons on the top left to go back, forward etc.

Figure C - 22
NVIDIA Control Panel

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Display GPU Activity Icon

Click to enable **Display GPU Activity Icon in the Notification Area** to quickly access the GPU Activity monitor from the taskbar.



Figure C - 23
NVIDIA Control
Panel - View

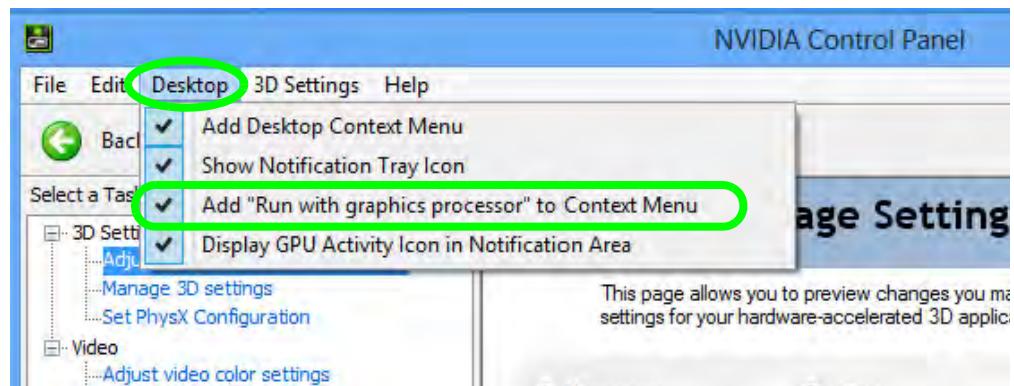
Optimus™ Customization Options

One of the most important aspects of **Nvidia® Optimus™** technology is that it will switch between the integrated GPU and discrete GPU seamlessly and automatically, and does not require any input from the user. However customization options are offered for users who prefer to set their own parameters for GPU usage.

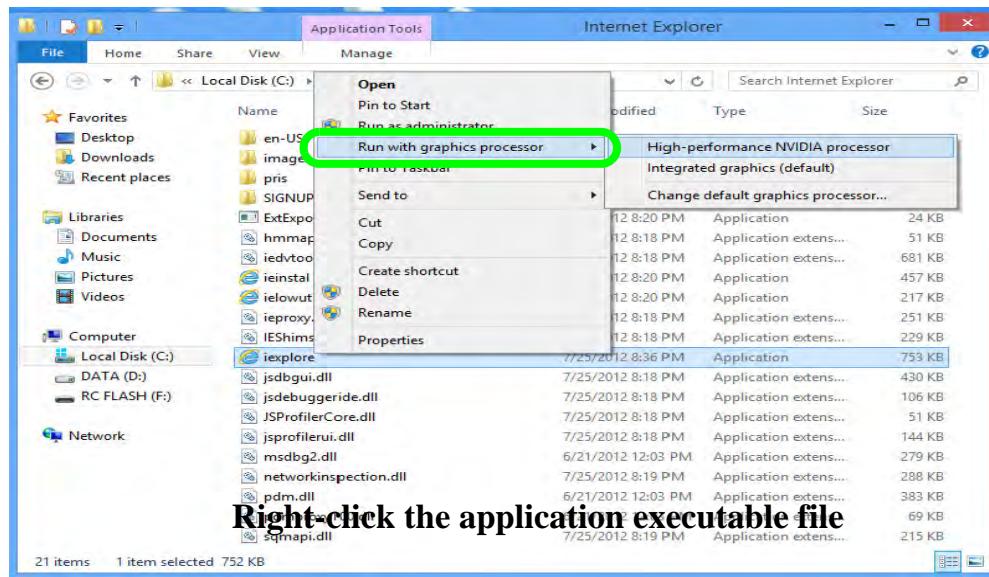
Context Menu

One of the quickest ways to choose which GPU to use for a particular application is by using the **“Run with graphics processor”** in the context menu.

1. Go to the **NVIDIA Control Panel**.
2. Click **Desktop** from the top menu and select **Add “Run with graphics processor” to Context Menu** (it should have a tick alongside it).



3. Close the **NVIDIA Control Panel**.
4. Find the executable file icon of the application you want to run.
5. Right-click the icon and select **Run with graphics processor** from the context menu.
6. Select either **High-performance NVIDIA processor** (dGPU) or **Integrated graphics (iGPU)** to run the program with the selected GPU.



iGPU or dGPU

Note the NVIDIA control panel refers to **High-performance NVIDIA processor** (which is the discrete GPU) and **Integrated graphics** (which is the integrated GPU).

Figure C - 24

Context Menu with
Run with graphics
processor

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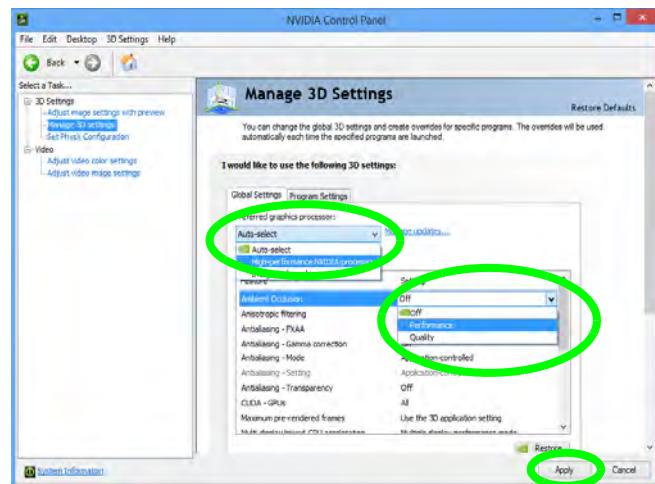
Video Driver Controls

Global Settings

Global settings allows you to set the preferred graphics processor for overall use. Ideally this would be the iGPU for battery life, but this can be set to the dGPU if preferred.

1. Go to the **NVIDIA Control Panel**.
2. Click **Manage 3D Settings (3D Settings)** and select **Global Settings** (tab).
3. Select either **Integrated graphics** (iGPU) or **High performance NVIDIA Processor** (dGPU) from the drop-down menu.
4. Click the **Setting** menu items to select any options required.
5. Click **Apply** to save the settings.

Figure C - 25
Global Settings



Program Settings

Program settings allows you to make specific adjustments for installed applications.

1. Go to **NVIDIA Control Panel**.
2. Click **Manage 3D Settings (3D Settings)** and select **Program Settings** (tab).
3. **Select a program to customize** from the drop-down menu, or click **Add** to add any program that does not appear in the menu.
4. **Select the preferred graphics processor for the program** from the drop-down menu.
5. Click the **Setting** menu items to select any options required.
6. Click **Apply** to save the settings.

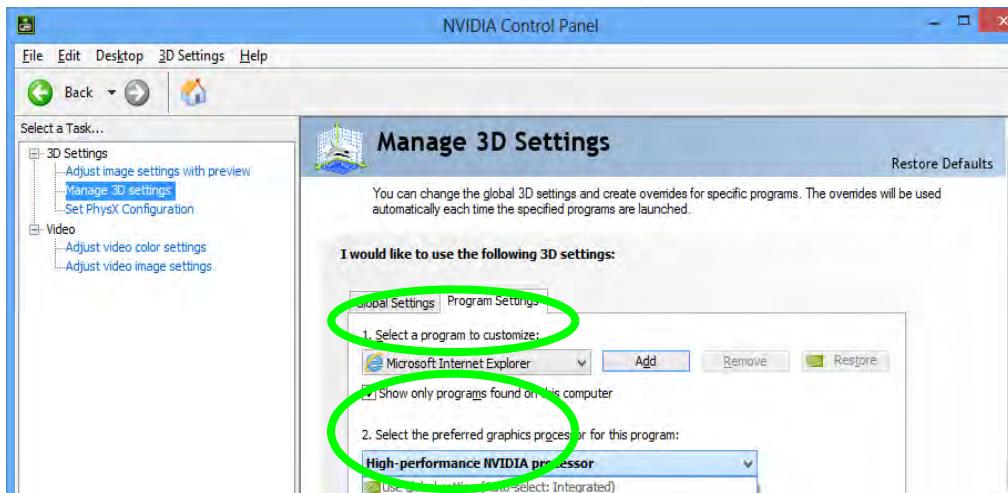


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Program Settings

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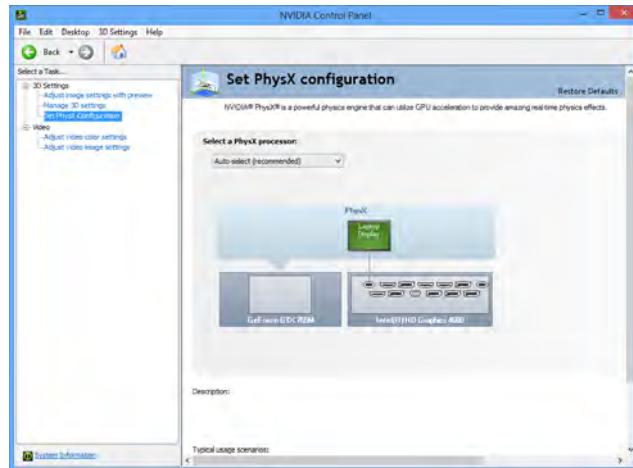
Set PhysX® Configuration

NVIDIA® PhysX® is a physics engine that can use the GPU to accelerate game and 3D application performance. You can select the GeForce video card or CPU as a PhysX® processor, or configure the computer to auto-select a PhysX® processor (recommended default setting).

1. Go to **NVIDIA Control Panel**.
2. Click **Set PhysX configuration**.
3. Click to **Select a PhysX processor** from the menu; Auto-select (recommended) is the default setting.
4. Click **Apply** to save the settings.

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Set PhysX® Configuration



Video Settings

Click the sub-menus under **Video** to adjust the **video color** or **image settings**.

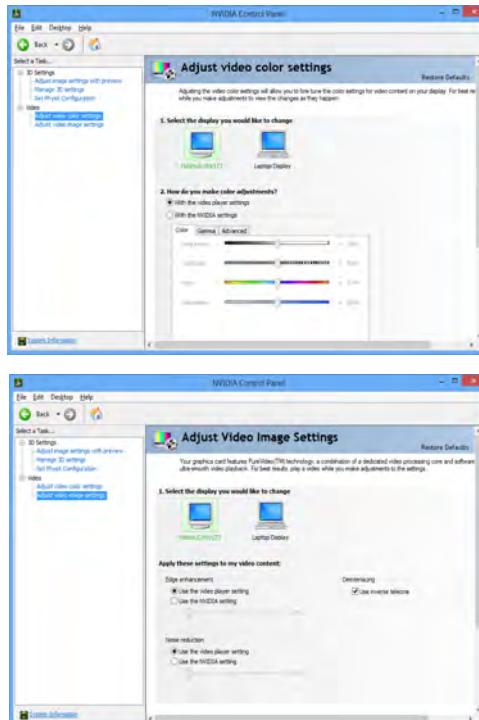


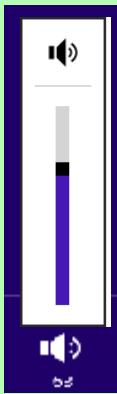
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Video Settings

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Volume Adjustment

The sound volume level can be set using the volume control in the **Settings** menu in the **Charms Bar**.



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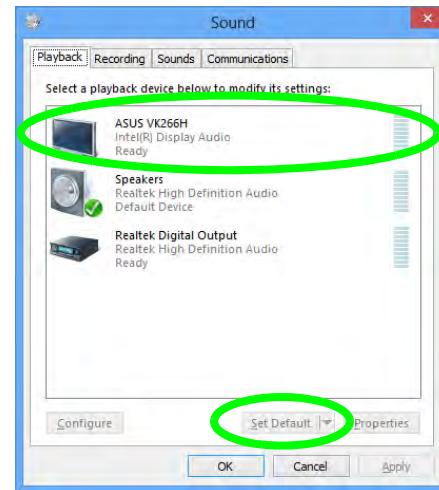
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**Sound - HDMI
Device (set Default)**

HDMI Audio Configuration

HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) carries both **audio** and video signals. In some cases it will be necessary to go to the **Sound** control panel and manually configure the HDMI audio output as per the instructions below.

1. Go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Sound** (Hardware and Sound) and click **Playback** (tab)
3. Depending on your display, the playback device may be selected, however in some cases you may need to select the audio device and click **Set Default** (button).
4. Double-click the device to access the control panel tabs illustrated overleaf.



5. Adjust the HDMI settings from the control panel tabs.
6. Click **OK** to close the **Sound** control panel.

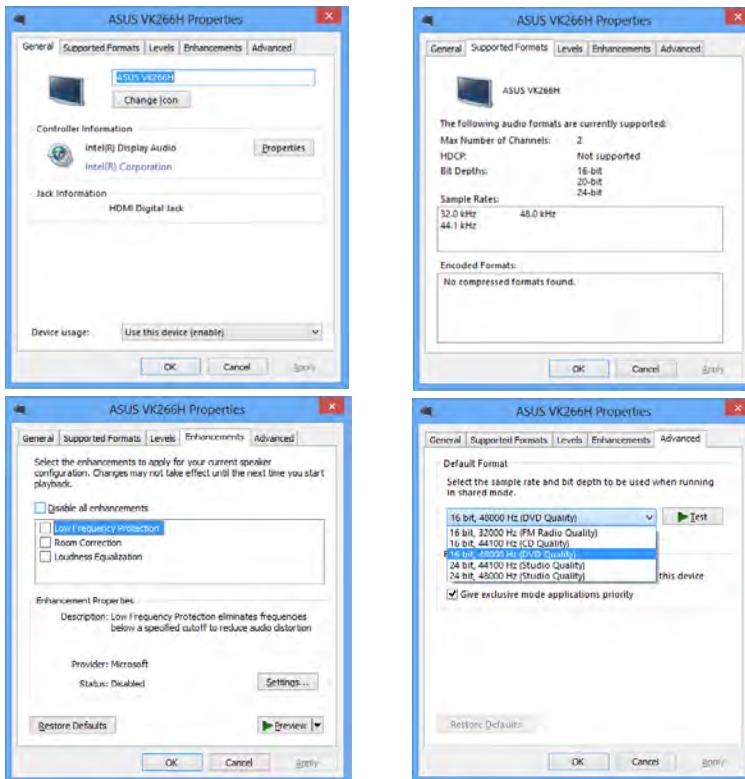


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HDMI Device
Properties

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Other Applications

If you are using a third party application to play DVDs etc. from any attached DVD device, you will need to consult the application's documentation to see the appropriate audio configuration (the application must support digital to analog translation).

HDMI Notes

- Connect a device with HDMI support to the HDMI-Out port **BEFORE** attempting to play audio/video sources through the device.
- To play audio sources through your external display's (TV or LCD) speakers you will need to go to the audio configuration control panel on the display and configure the audio input accordingly (see your display device manual).

HDMI Video Configuration

1. Connect an HDMI cable from the HDMI-Out port to your external display.
2. Configure your external display as per the instructions in [**“Attaching Other Displays” on page C - 21.**](#)
3. Set up your external display (TV or LCD) for HDMI input (see your display device manual).
4. You can now play video/audio sources through your external display.

Sound Blaster Audio & HDMI

1. When you connect an HDMI display to the HDMI-Out port, the Sound Blaster Cinema EQ controls will be disabled.
2. A warning box will pop-up and will prompt **“...Do you want to select another audio device now?”**
3. Click **No** to continue using the HDMI audio output from your external display (do not attempt to select another audio device when connected to the external HDMI display).

Appendix D: Specifications



Latest Specification Information

The specifications listed in this Appendix are correct at the time of going to press. Certain items (particularly processor types/speeds and CD/DVD device types) may be changed, updated or delayed due to the manufacturer's release schedule. Check with your distributor/supplier for details.

Specifications

Processor	Memory	Video Adapter Options
<p><u>For Models A, B, D & E Only:</u></p> <p>Intel® Core™ i7-4930MX (3.00GHz) Extreme Edition Processor 8M L3 Cache, 22nm (22 Nanometer), DDR3L-1600MHz, TDP 57W</p> <p><u>For All Models:</u></p> <p>Intel® Core™ i7-4900MQ (2.80GHz) Processor 8M L3 Cache, 22nm (22 Nanometer), DDR3L-1600MHz, TDP 47W</p> <p>Intel® Core™ i7-4800MQ (2.70GHz) Processor 6M L3 Cache, 22nm (22 Nanometer), DDR3L-1600MHz, TDP 47W</p> <p>Intel® Core™ i7-4700MQ (2.40GHz) Processor 6M L3 Cache, 22nm (22 Nanometer), DDR3L-1600MHz, TDP 47W</p>	<p>Dual Channel DDR3L</p> <p>Four 204 Pin SO-DIMM Sockets Supporting DDR3L 1600 MHz Memory Modules (<i>real operational frequency depends on the FSB of the processor</i>)</p> <p><i>*Note: Four SO-DIMMs are only supported by Quad-Core CPUs; Dual-Core CPUs support two SO-DIMMs maximum</i></p> <p>Memory Expandable up to 16GB/32GB Compatible with 2GB/4GB/8GB Modules</p>	<p><u>Intel® Integrated GPU with NVIDIA® GeForce Video:</u></p> <p>NVIDIA® Optimus Technology Supports Switchable GPU (iGPU or dGPU)</p> <p>Intel® HD Graphics Integrated GPU (<i>GPU type is processor dependent</i>)</p> <p>Dynamic Frequency</p> <p>Intel® Dynamic Video Memory Technology Supporting Shared Memory up to 1.7GB</p>
Core Logic	<p><u>Models A, B & C:</u></p> <p>15.6" (39.62cm) FHD (1920 * 1080) 16:9 Backlit Panel</p> <p><u>Model D & E:</u></p> <p>17.3" (43.94cm) FHD (1920 * 1080) 16:9 Backlit Panel</p>	<p><u>For Models A, B, D & E Only:</u></p> <p>NVIDIA® GeForce GTX 780M PCIe * 16 Video Card 4GB GDDR5 Video RAM Microsoft DirectX® 11 compatible NVIDIA PhysX™ NVIDIA CUDA™ Technology NVIDIA® Optimus 1.2 Technology</p>
		<p>(See over)</p>

<p>For All Models:</p> <p>NVIDIA® GeForce GTX 770M PCIe * 16 Video Card</p> <p>3GB GDDR5 Video RAM</p> <p>Microsoft DirectX® 11 compatible</p> <p>NVIDIA PhysX™</p> <p>NVIDIA CUDA™ Technology</p> <p>NVIDIA® Optimus 1.2 Technology</p> <p>NVIDIA® GeForce GTX 765M PCIe * 16 Video Card</p> <p>2GB GDDR5 Video RAM</p> <p>Microsoft DirectX® 11 compatible</p> <p>NVIDIA PhysX™</p> <p>NVIDIA CUDA™ Technology</p> <p>NVIDIA® Optimus 1.2 Technology</p>	<p>For Models A & C:</p> <p>One Changeable 2.5" 9.5 mm (h) Hard Disk Drive (HDD) / Solid State Drive (SSD) with SATA Interface</p> <p>For Model B Only:</p> <p>Two Changeable 2.5" (h) Hard Disk Drives (HDD) / Solid State Drives (SSD), 1st 9.5mm (h) & 2nd 7mm (h), with SATA Interface supporting RAID Level 0/1</p> <p>For Models A & C:</p> <p>One Changeable Caddy Bay 12.7mm (h) Optical Device Drive (ODD), 2.5" 9.5 mm (h) Hard Disk Drive (HDD) with SATA Interface (Factory Option)</p> <p>For Models D & E:</p> <p>Two Changeable 2.5" 9.5 mm (h) Hard Disk Drives (HDD) / Solid State Drives (SSD) with SATA Interface and RAID Level 0/1 Support</p>	<p>Audio</p> <p>High Definition Audio</p> <p>S/PDIF Digital Output</p> <p>Built-In Microphone</p> <p>2 Built-In Speakers</p> <p>1 Built-In Sub Woofer</p> <p>Sound Blaster® X-Fi® MB3</p> <p>7.1CH Audio output supported by headphone, microphone, S/PDIF & Line-In Jack</p> <p>Keyboard & Pointing Device</p> <p>For Models A, B D & E Only:</p> <p>Full Size Winkey Illuminated Keyboard with Numeric Keypad and W/A/S/D Game Key Markings (Model C has a Non-Illuminated Keyboard)</p> <p>Built-In TouchPad (with Multi Gesture Functionality)</p> <p>For Models B & E Only:</p> <p>Built-In Illuminated TouchPad (with Multi Gesture Functionality)</p>
<p>Storage</p> <p>For All Models:</p> <p>Two mSATA Solid State Drives (SSDs) with SATA (Serial) Interface with RAID Level 0/1 Support (Factory Option)</p> <p>One 12.7 mm Super Multi/Blu-Ray Combo/Blu-Ray Writer SATA Optical Device Drive (Factory Option)</p>	<p>BIOS</p> <p>One 48Mb SPI Flash ROM</p> <p>AMI BIOS</p>	

Specifications

Indicators	Security	Communication
LED Indicators - Power/Suspend, Battery, HDD/ODD, Airplane Mode, GPU Mode, Num Lock, Caps Lock, Scroll Lock, Camera	Security (Kensington® Type) Lock Slot BIOS Password Fingerprint Reader Module (Factory Option)	Built-In 10/100/1000Mb Base-TX Ethernet LAN
Interface	Slots	
One USB 2.0 Port Three USB 3.0 Ports (<i>Note: One powered USB3.0 port (AC/DC)</i>) One eSATA Port (SATA USB 3.0 Combo) One Mini-IEEE1394a Port One Display Port 1.2 One Mini Display Port 1.2 One HDMI™ (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) Out Port (with HDCP) One Microphone-In Jack One Headphone/Speaker-Out Jack One S/PDIF Out Jack One Line-In Jack One RJ-45 LAN Jack One DC-In Jack	Three Mini-Card Slots: Slot 1 for WLAN or WLAN & Bluetooth Combo Half Mini-Card Module with PCIe and USB Interface Slots 2 & 3 for mSATA SSD Full Size Mini-Card Module with SATA Interface Card Reader Embedded Multi-In-1 Push-Push Card Reader - MMC / RSMMC - SD / Mini SD / SDHC / SDXC - MS / MS Pro / MS Duo	Intel® Centrino Ultimate-N 6300 3*3 (802.11 a/g/n) Half Mini-Card PCIe WLAN Module (Factory Option) Intel® Centrino Advanced-N 6235 2*2 (802.11 a/g/n) Half Mini-Card PCIe WLAN + Bluetooth V4.0+HS Combo Module (Factory Option) Intel® Centrino® Wireless-N 2230 2*2 (802.11 b/g/n) Half Mini-Card PCIe WLAN + Bluetooth V4.0+HS Combo Module (Factory Option) (802.11b/g/n) Half Mini-Card PCIe WLAN + Bluetooth V4.0+HS Combo Module (Factory Option)
		2.0M FHD PC Video Camera Module

Note: Some of these cards require PC adapters that are usually supplied with the cards.

Operating System	Model C: Full Range AC/DC Adapter – AC in 100 - 240V, 50 - 60Hz DC Output 19.5V, 6.15A (120 Watts)		Model C: 376mm(w) * 256mm(d) * 35 - 43mm(h) 3.1kg with ODD and Battery
Features	Model D & E: Full Range AC/DC Adapter – AC in 100 - 240V, 50 - 60Hz DC Output 19.5V, 11.8A (230 Watts)		Model D: 412mm(w) * 276mm(d) * 45.4 - 41.8mm(h) 3.9kg with ODD and Battery
Rubber Painted Style (Models A, B & E) Painted Style (Model C) Al-Alloy Plate (Model D) Intel® Rapid Start Technology Intel® Smart Response Technology Intel® Anti-Theft Technology		Model E: 414mm(w) * 286mm(d) * 25.3 - 46.1mm(h) 4.1kg with ODD and Battery	
Power Management	Environmental Spec Temperature Operating: 5°C - 35°C Non-Operating: -20°C - 60°C Relative Humidity Operating: 20% - 80% Non-Operating: 10% - 90%		
Power	Physical Dimensions & Weight Model A: 376mm(w) * 256mm(d) * 35 - 43mm(h) 3.1kg with ODD and Battery Model B: 375mm(w) * 268mm(d) * 22 - 45mm(h) 3.3kg with ODD and Battery		
Removable 8 Cell Smart Lithium Ion Battery Pack 76.96WH			
Model A & B: Full Range AC/DC Adapter – AC in 100 - 240V, 50 - 60Hz DC Output 19V, 9.5A; 19.5V, 9.2A & 19V, 9.47A (180 Watts)			

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